

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Ottawa

5th November 1964

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Hon. Robert Taschereau, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy to His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, the 5th November, at 5.45 p.m., for the purpose of giving royal assent to certain Bills.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. G. Cherrier

Assistant Secretary
to the Governor General.

The Honourable

The Speaker of the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

Leave having been given to revert to the order for Notices of Motions:

Hon. Cyrille Vaillancourt: Honourable senators, I move, seconded by honourable Senator Lambert, that when the Senate adjourns today it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 24 at 8 o'clock in the evening.

I am moving that the Senate do adjourn until November 24 on the understanding that there is no business before it. This afternoon I received notice of committee meetings next week, and I point out that while the Senate is adjourned certain committees will be at work. The Joint Committee on Consumer Credit is meeting next Tuesday morning, and the Standing Committee on Finance is meeting in the afternoon. Although the Senate may not be in session, the members are finding plenty of work to do for the country.

Hon. Mr. Crerar: Honourable senators, I am not opposing this motion, but I do think it would be better if we adjourned until December 1. That is one week later than November 24. My reason for suggesting this is that the Order Paper of the House of Commons seems to indicate it is pretty certain that if we return on November 24 we shall find ourselves again with little or nothing to do.

The honourable Acting Leader of the Government (Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt) has stated that committees will be sitting. That is true, but in the light of the fact that His Honour the Speaker has the power to call

us back earlier should there be business to place before the Senate, I would personally much prefer to have the Senate adjourn until December 1. In saying that I am not challenging my good friend Senator Vaillancourt, who has discharged his responsibilities, as he always does, very well indeed.

Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt: I am in the hands of honourable senators.

An Hon. Senator: Let us adjourn until November 24.

Hon. Jacques Flynn: If the honourable Acting Leader of the Government agrees with the remarks of the honourable senator from Churchill (Hon. Mr. Crerar), then I suggest we adjourn until December 1 on the understanding that we may be called back on November 24 if the House of Commons passes some of the items on its Order Paper.

Hon. M. Gratian O'Leary: Honourable senators, may I, as a junior member of the Senate, make a suggestion? Would it be possible to have a notice sent to the press that the Senate is adjourning to the call of the Chair. Tomorrow it will be stated in the press all over Canada that the Senate has adjourned until November 24, and people will say: "Well, there's the dear old Senate again." This appears every day in the Canadian Press summary on Parliament: "Senate stands adjourned," giving a certain date. Is it possible under the rules to have it go out merely that the Senate stands adjourned at the call of the Chair and that the call of the Chair could come next week. At least, that would give the impression that we might do something.

Hon. Mr. Lambert: It would be convenient if we could adopt that easy solution of the problem. Actually, it is only fair to say that the date, November 24, was suggested after some inquiry in connection with the proceedings in the other house as well as here. Having arrived at that estimate, I do not see that we can do anything further about it at the present time. If we have to come back then and adjourn again, we will have to accept that as part of the trials and tribulations of this overworked body.

Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt: Honourable senators, according to the law and the rules of Parliament, it is necessary to fix a date; but we may be summoned to meet before that date.

Hon. Mr. Choquette: We cannot extend the time.

Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt: Let us leave it as November 24.

Motion agreed to.