

That, in the event of Mr. Speaker's being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker or the Deputy Chairman of Committees shall act in his stead for the purposes of this order.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Speaker: It should be noted that, pursuant to the terms of the motion, we must deal with the adjournment of the House for this day. Perhaps honourable members might be prepared to agree that, since it is possible that Royal Assent may occur later this day, or, if not, because of unexpected circumstances, on Monday or Tuesday, the sitting of the House shall now be suspended until the call of the bells, which shall call the House for the specific purpose only of receiving Royal Assent and that, thereafter, the adjournment motion, the terms of which have been pronounced and passed by the House, will be operative. Is that understood and agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Therefore, the sitting of the House stands suspended until the call of the bells.

May I now deal with the second most important matter. It will be my pleasure to receive honourable members, staff, and members of the press gallery for a small libation, to send them on their way with the proper Christmas spirit, which has never been absent from this Chamber for very long.

At 5.28 p.m. the sitting was suspended.

The House resumed at 8.18 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate have passed the following bills without amendment:

Bill C-69, an act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971.

Bill C-52, an act to amend the Public Service Superannuation Act, the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act, the Defence Services Pension Continuation Act, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Pension Continuation Act, the Diplomatic Service (Special) Superannuation Act, the Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act, the Governor General's Retiring Annuity Act, the Judges Act, the Tax Review Board Act and the Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act.

Bill C-77, an act to amend the National Housing Act and the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation Act.

Royal Assent

● (2020)

THE ROYAL ASSENT

[English]

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the following communication has been received:

Government House
Ottawa, December 20, 1975

Sir:

I have the honour to inform you that the Hon. Wishart F. Spence, O.B.E., Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, the 20th day of December, at 8 o'clock for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Edmond Joly de Lotbinière
Administrative Secretary
to the Governor General.

A message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to the Senate chamber.

And being returned:

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Honourable Deputy Governor General had been pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following bills:

● (2030)

Bill C-80, An Act to provide supplementary borrowing authority for public works and general purposes.—Chapter No. 79.

Bill C-69, An Act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971.—Chapter No. 80.

Bill C-52, An Act to amend the Public Service Superannuation Act, the Canadian Forces Superannuation Act, the Defence Services Pension Continuation Act, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Superannuation Act, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Pension Continuation Act, the Diplomatic Service (Special) Superannuation Act, the Members of Parliament Retiring Allowances Act, the Governor General's Retiring Annuity Act, the Judges Act, the Tax Review Board Act and the Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act.—Chapter No. 81.

Bill C-77, An Act to amend the National Housing Act and the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation Act.—Chapter No. 82.

Bill C-75, An Act to increase the rate of return on Government Annuity contracts, to increase their flexibility and to discontinue future sales thereof.—Chapter No. 83.

Bill C-74, An Act to amend the Regional Development Incentives Act.—Chapter No. 84.

Bill C-21, An Act to amend the Agricultural Products Cooperative Marketing Act.—Chapter No. 85.

Bill C-28, An Act to amend the Animal Contagious Diseases Act.—Chapter No. 86.

Bill S-29, An Act to enable The Eastern Canada Savings and Loan Company and Central & Nova Scotia Trust Company to amalgamate.

Bill C-1002, An Act to incorporate the Northland Bank.

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to order made this day, this House stands adjourned until Monday, January 26, 1976, at 2 o'clock p.m.

At 8.34 p.m. the House adjourned until 2 p.m., January 26, 1976, pursuant to special order made this day.