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student loan legislation, and No. 3 was the Canada labour code. Here we are, ten months later adjourning, and only one of those three first items has been enacted by parliament.

As the session went on we were given commitments that the labour code would be brought in by certain dates. Then we were given a firm commitment that it would be enacted before we broke off for the Christmas recess.

We are aware of the explanations given today by the house leader and by the Prime Minister, but we can hardly be blamed if we are a bit suspicious as to whether or not this legislation will get through during this session. It has been promised for years. It was the subject of a firm commitment this session, and for that part of this session before Christmas. We have now had to accept another commitment, namely that this government hopes that it will be passed before the session really ends, whether that is in February or March.

As I have said, Mr. Speaker, we are ready to accept this motion. As a matter of fact we are glad the government is not asking that parliament be prorogued at this time but is merely seeking to adjourn it so that items such as the Canada pension plan and the Canada labour code can be concluded before this session ends, and we call upon the government to make absolutely sure that these commitments are not broken. With that understanding we are prepared to support the motion.

I am sorry I had to break into the kind of thing that was being said a few moments ago, because, like all of us in this house, I too share in the hope that everyone will enjoy a happy Christmas season and that we will have a productive and useful 1965.

**Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat):** Mr. Speaker, there appears to be a few minutes left while we wait for the signal from the other place, and I should like to draw to the attention of the members of this house once again the 15th report which was tabled in this house on Monday of this week. I ask hon. members to study it very carefully particularly those members of the government who will have to bring forward legislation to give effect to some of the recommendations which have been made.

If we can adopt most or all of the recommendations contained in this report we will not again have a situation developing such as we have just been through. There is provision in the report for detailed and exhaus-

sive study of the estimates. If the estimates can be considered and passed early in a session, that will preclude the need for interim supply motions and things of that nature.

This would also accomplish one other important thing which has been pointed up during the long months of this session. The adoption of this report would provide one week out of five during which the members of this house could attend to their business in their constituencies. This would not only add to the efficiency and effectiveness of parliament, but add greatly to the effectiveness of democracy.

Certainly after having spent month after month in Ottawa, in some cases hundreds or even thousands of miles away from the people we represent, it is not possible to reflect accurately the opinions of those people in this house. There ought to be some practical time when a member can be available to his constituents to meet with them so as to be able to represent their feelings in this house.

In conclusion I make a last minute appeal to hon. members to give very serious consideration to these recommendations so that they can be dealt with at the end of this session, in order that they may become effective for the next session. If this report dies when this session is prorogued we will not then have the necessary amendments to the standing orders and other procedure so that the next session can be conducted in an orderly and businesslike fashion.

**THE ROYAL ASSENT**

A message was delivered by Major C. R. Lamoureux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy of His Excellency the 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. Deputy Speaker** informed the house that the Deputy Governor General had been pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bills:

An act to amend the Judges Act.

An act to amend an act to amend the Combines Investigation Act and the Criminal Code.

Motion (Mr. McIlraith) agreed to, and the house adjourned.