

I move that the amendments be concurred in.

The motion was agreed to.

THIRD READING

Hon. Mr. HUGESSEN moved the third reading of the bill, as amended.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill, as amended, was read the third time, and passed.

PROROGATION—BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. A. K. HUGESSEN: Since we have now completed the business on our order paper, I think that before moving the adjournment I should inform honourable senators as to the prospects of prorogation. The latest information I have indicates the possibility, perhaps rather remote, that the other chamber will conclude its work late tonight. On the other hand, it may not be able to do so until some time tomorrow. The only remaining legislation to come before us is the appropriation bill, which I imagine we shall be able to deal with fairly quickly.

Under these circumstances I would move that when the Senate adjourns this afternoon it do stand adjourned until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

THE SENATE

Saturday, August 31, 1946.

The Senate met at 10.30 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

The Hon. the SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Assistant Secretary to the Governor General, acquainting him that the Honourable Thibaudeau Rinfret, Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, would proceed to the Senate Chamber this day at 4 p.m. for the purpose of proroguing the present session of parliament.

SPEECHES IN THE SENATE

PROPOSAL FOR TIME LIMIT

On the Order:

That the time has arrived when the Senate should place a time limit on the length of speeches in the Senate.

Hon. Mr. MURDOCK: Stand!—for the earnest consideration of the Rules Committee at the commencement of the next session of parliament.

Some Hon. SENATORS: Oh! Oh!

PROROGATION—BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. A. K. HUGESSEN: Honourable senators, we have now concluded the business on the order paper. As you are aware, the other chamber did not finish its work late last night, but it is fully expected it will do so within the next few hours. Then we shall have before us the supply bill. I hope it will reach us by three o'clock this afternoon, and in the meantime I would suggest that we adjourn during pleasure, on the understanding that the bell will ring at three o'clock. This will enable us to deal with the supply bill and be ready for prorogation by four o'clock.

As we have not the supply bill before us in its final form, may I take this opportunity to give you the following information? There will be, first, an appropriation of some \$888,000,000 odd to cover the balance of the main estimates after taking into account the five interim supply bills passed at various times during the session; second, an appropriation of \$142,000,000 odd, to cover the supplementary estimates, particulars of which were circulated among you a few weeks ago; and third, an additional supplementary estimate of \$2,000,000 for a loan to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Of course there may be other items, but this is very improbable.

Hon. Mr. CRERAR: What was the first item?

Hon. Mr. HUGESSEN: To be exact, \$888,954,394.10.

If my suggestion meets with the approval of the house, I would now move that we adjourn during pleasure, to reconvene at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Hon. L. MORAUD: I presume that my honourable friend, the acting leader of the government, does not anticipate any debate on the vote in respect of supply. A very large sum of money is involved, and at this late hour of the session it is impossible for the members on this side of the chamber to take cognizance of and study this important measure. My hope is that next session bills of such great consequence as the one yet to come will reach us in time to enable us to give them proper consideration.

Hon. Mr. HUGESSEN: I fully agree with the sentiment expressed by my honourable friend.