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that if they want to close this part of the session with a smile they should take a look at tonight's Toronto *Star* and the wonderful cartoon by Duncan Macpherson. If they do that they will leave here with probably a feeling of amusement which is shared by the members on the opposite side of the house.

**Mr. A. B. Patterson (Fraser Valley):** Mr. Speaker, I should like on behalf of the Social Credit party to join the expressions of good will to all members of the staff, to all members of parliament representing their constituencies and also to all those people they represent. At this time I remember the words of one delegate to the commonwealth parliamentary association from Western Samoa, when he rose to take part in discussions recently held in Jamaica. He said that they had a custom in his country which he felt he ought to follow, and that was first of all to give thanks to our Heavenly Father for his goodness. I bring that in just to remind us all that in the midst of all the festivities and the joy and hilarity of this season it would do us well to remember the real purpose and significance of this season, which is remembering the goodness of God. So as I say, we join in expressing good wishes to all who have served us and who do serve us so well in this house, as well as to each and every member of parliament and to the people of Canada.

**Mr. Marcel Lessard (Lake St. John):** Mr. Speaker, being at this moment the only French Canadian on the opposition side of the house I wonder if, on behalf of the hon. members from Quebec, I may extend their very best wishes to every member of this house. I should also like to extend my very best regards to the Chair and to those who have occupied it since the beginning of this session. I think they have done a tremendous job because the work load put upon them was heavy. Even though during the course of debates we may have been divided on many occasions, and in certain cases accusations have been made against some people in Quebec, I can say for sure that all of us together at this time of year would like to forget about our divisions so that we can extend to each other our best wishes for a happy Christmas and a happy new year.

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I should like to add that the French Canadian members have certainly appreciated, up to a point, the way in which debates have taken place in this house during the year. We appreciate the gains and progresses made,

not only for the French Canadian group, but also the English Canadian group, in short for all Canadians across the land.

I can, on closing, but express the hope and the wish that the year 1965, which will see us all, I hope, together again in early February, will bring more progress and less discussion of the type that creates division.

My very best wishes to one and all on behalf of all my French speaking colleagues in the opposition.

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**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE****CHRISTMAS ADJOURNMENT**

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, may I have unanimous consent to put the formal motion for adjournment at this point? I move, seconded by the Solicitor General (Mr. MacNaught):

That, when this house adjourns this day, it stands adjourned until the 16th day of February, 1965, at 2.30 o'clock p.m., provided always that if it appears to the satisfaction of Mr. Speaker, after consultation with Her Majesty's government, that the public interest requires that the house should meet at an earlier time during the adjournment, Mr. Speaker may give notice that he is so satisfied, and thereupon the house shall meet at the time stated in such notice, and shall transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.

In the event of Mr. Speaker being unable to act owing to illness or other cause, the Deputy Speaker shall act in his stead for the purpose of this order.

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, we are, of course, prepared to support this motion, and I do not wish to detract from the things which have been said in the spirit of the season we are about to enter. Nevertheless before this motion does carry I feel I must register our protest at this part of the session being adjourned without our having completed a very important piece of legislation. The government, of course, knows what I have in mind, because we had something to say about it earlier this afternoon. I refer, indeed, to the Canada labour code.

I should like to remind the government that when this session met first, ten months ago today, the proposed labour code was an important item in the speech from the throne. Two days later the Prime Minister spoke in this house and indicated, on February 20, the priorities in the view of the government for this session.

It is interesting to recall the first three items on that priority list. Number one was the Canada pension plan, No. 2 was the