

When I read some of our newspapers, I get the impression that that is what was decided on November 15 and that the problem has been solved. I am sorry, but that was not decided on November 15.

So it will take a lot of co-operation on everybody's part. I think the Senate can certainly provide a worthwhile co-operation. The idea put forward by my colleague, Senator Frith, is quite acceptable to me. I do not see why we should not try to re-think our role in this whole government process. I am thinking of the role of the Senate. Perhaps that could be dealt with and we could look for a way to correct and amend our instruments of work. None of those things are impossible to do, but they can only be done in a serene state of mind. I do not mean that there will be no tensions. There are always tensions wherever you have overlapping jurisdictions. Municipalities apply pressure on the provinces, the provinces apply pressure on the federal state. So one must not expect that there will be no tensions but those tensions must be productive. They must benefit the country as a whole, and the only way to do that is to meet in frank discussions.

I suggest we must stop dreaming in colours. I am sick and tired of these people who are doing everything they can to destroy this country and then, the next day, represent it to me in an unrecognizable way, for I know it is impossible to do what they are saying. It is impossible from an ideal point of view, still less so with a country which is already organized, with ties between its various parts and indeed with the United States, a country which has always behaved and still behaves according to basic principles. In my opinion, we must start from there. I feel that we should all together try to convince Mr. Lévesque to hold his referendum as soon as possible, so that we may finally know where we stand and shed our poker faces, because we have no indication as to what tomorrow may bring.

Therefore, honourable senators, I take great pleasure in supporting the motion introduced by Senator Frith.

**Senator Flynn:** I move that this debate be adjourned until next Tuesday. Until then, we shall have ample time to think this matter over.

On motion of Senator Flynn, debate adjourned.  
[English]

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

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