When we travel abroad, we are interested in a country's cultural achievements. When we go to Italy, for instance, we remember its historic monuments, works of art, and so forth. That is what gives the country its soul.

Without the arts, without culture, society runs a deficit. Governments, and especially the federal government, should bear in mind this aspect of our social deficit when they set their priorities. Who knows, perhaps arts and culture will be spared the frenzy of government cost cutting across the board.

I believe, finally, that we need culture as much as the food we eat and the air we breathe. In the end, performers and creative artists are the ones who can best express a country's soul.

Honourable senators, I will stop here. However, having discussed this with my colleagues Senators Corbin and Grafstein, I believe that it would be in order to strike a special Senate committee with the mandate to study these essential issues. Next fall, it is quite possible that we will suggest such a committee by calling on a few of our colleagues across the way because, in these important matters, all partisanship must be avoided.

I regret that our esteemed colleague Senator Roux, who speaks with more authority than most us us on the subject, is not with us today. I hope that he will be able to speak as soon as possible on this inquiry by Senator Corbin.

On motion of Senator Hébert, debate adjourned.

[English]

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Leave having been given to revert to Government Notices of Motion:

Hon. B. Alasdair Graham (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, and notwithstanding rule 58(1)(h), I move:

That when the Senate adjourns today, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday, July 11, at eight o'clock in the evening.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, is leave granted?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO TABLE FINAL REPORT ON FARM SAFETY AND FARM—RELATED HEALTH ISSUES

Hon. Day Hays, pursuant to notice of Wednesday, June 21, 1995 moved:

That, notwithstanding usual practices, if the Senate is not sitting when the Final Report of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry is completed on its special study on farm safety and farm-related health issues, the Committee shall deposit its Report with the Clerk of the Senate, and said Report shall thereupon be deemed to have been tabled in this Chamber.

Motion agreed to.

BANKING, TRADE AND COMMERCE

COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED TO TABLE INTERIM REPORT ON STATE OF CANADIAN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Hon. John Sylvain, pursuant to notice of June 22, 1995, moved:

That, notwithstanding usual practices, if during the summer adjournment the Senate is not sitting when the interim report of the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce on the state of the financial system in Canada, and in particular its review of the 1992 reform legislation is completed, the report may be deposited with the Clerk of the Senate and it shall thereupon be deemed to have been presented to that Chamber.

Motion agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, July 11, 1995, at 8:00 p.m.