

would allow us approximately six and a half to seven hours on the Meech Lake accord each day. I would like to suggest—

Senator MacEachen: You are all heart!

Senator Phillips: —that we could proceed by inviting the—

Senator MacEachen: Why don't you suggest Saturdays and Sundays, too?

Senator Phillips: —honourable member for Saint-Henri-Westmount to appear in the morning. In the afternoon we could have the honourable member for York South-Weston, Mr. Nunziata. I am sure honourable senators would want to receive his views. We could also receive the views of the honourable member for Laurier, and we could be very fair and invite the honourable member for Papineau to appear in rebuttal to the honourable member for Saint-Henri-Westmount.

Senator Frith: Everybody has a right to their opinions, as your son would say.

Senator Phillips: That is correct, and I am suggesting that you give these people the opportunity to express their viewpoints.

Senator MacEachen: And would you put Mr. Babushka on the list, too?

Senator Doody: Senator MacEachen wants to sit on Saturdays and Sundays.

Senator Phillips: He does? Well, I would agree to that.

Senator MacEachen: We will bring Mr. Babushka in on Saturday.

Senator Phillips: I think the Meech Lake accord is so successful that it merits the type of study suggested. We should also have some agreement on who will be invited. Certainly we would want to invite the ten premiers. There was some difficulty in getting Premier Peckford to appear before the Committee of the Whole on the Canada-France Fisheries and Boundaries Agreement, but he eventually found a time that was satisfactory, and I am sure that we could do the same with all the other premiers.

Senator Marshall: And the territories?

Senator Phillips: And the territories, too.

Senator Frith: Why not, indeed? An excellent suggestion!

Senator MacEachen: We would need maps for Mr. Peckford.

Senator Marshall: How about Colonel North?

Senator Phillips: Today's newspapers had a very interesting item, and I quote the one from the *Montreal Gazette*, which is headed, "Turner not opposed to Senate study of accord." That is rather encouraging and very generous of him. Then the article has a sub-heading, "Trudeau touted." It reads:

Most Liberal senators are thought to oppose the deal, even if it means undermining Turner, who is trying to

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convince his caucus and party to support the pact because it secures Quebec's formal recognition of the Constitution.

The next paragraph begins with the sub-heading, "In Ottawa":

—Royce Frith, deputy Opposition leader in the Senate and a strong critic of the accord, said he is hopeful the Senate hearings would be televised and that former prime minister Pierre Trudeau would appear.

"I would certainly like that to happen," he said. "I would hope that all the big players would come," suggesting the government might like to call some of the premiers as witnesses.

The honourable senator and I find ourselves in agreement on one point.

Senator Frith: On more than one. You will see.

Senator Phillips: The senator goes on to criticize the provinces for receiving too much power, but that is really irrelevant.

Senator Frith: That does not usually stop you.

Senator Phillips: I am intrigued by Senator Frith's idea of calling in the big guns. We on this side of the Senate always thought that Senator Frith was one of those big guns, but he wants to move up and join the big players. I really have no objection to that, and if he would like to join the big players, that's fine with me, but why not do it before a joint committee or something of that nature?

There is perhaps an advantage to a Senate study that I can see, and that is the public will be watching to see what Liberal senators are going to do. Are they going to take the high road with their leader, Mr. Turner? Are they going to follow Mr. Trudeau's low road, or will they amble down the MacEachen bridle path? I know the public is waiting to see what they are going to do.

Senator MacEachen: As long as we get to Loch Lomond!

Senator Phillips: As soon as the pact is signed, the honourable senator will be in Loch Lomond. The Honourable Senators MacEachen and Frith have a great desire for TV. Senator MacEachen's ego is such that he was telling us the other day that he could not operate, could not think, and could not be reasonable without the glare of the TV camera upon him.

Senator MacEachen: I will be a changed man.

Senator Phillips: Honourable senators, the Leader of the Opposition operated in the other house for years under the glare of the TV cameras, and there is not a shred of evidence that says that his performance was improved by the presence of a TV camera. In fact, I cannot say that TV improved his performance, because I do not think that it could have been much worse if he had been operating without the benefit of a TV camera.

Senator Frith: More of the high road.

Senator Phillips: Perhaps, before a decision is reached, we can anticipate someone from the other side rising and explaining why they must have TV. Perhaps, when they do that, they