

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. Hugessen: Honourable senators, the latest information at my disposal with reference to the progress of business in the other place leads me to believe—and I am sure the circumstance will give a great deal of satisfaction to my honourable friend from Peterborough West (Hon. Mr. Duffus)—that we should be able to conclude the business of this session some time tomorrow. The only bill which we expect to come before us is the Appropriation Bill, which will pass the other place after the members there have concluded their detailed consideration of the estimates. I am advised that, while there is still a very considerable volume of estimates to be considered in the House of Commons, good progress is being made and it is expected that that house will meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning in an endeavour to finish up its work during the forenoon. So it may be—and it is our hope—that the Appropriation Bill will reach us before lunch time. Of course we have had many hopes of this kind in the last few days, and I cannot make anything in the nature of a promise.

Under the circumstances, perhaps it would be advisable for me to move that the Senate do now adjourn, to meet tomorrow morning at the call of the bell, and without specifying any particular time. I know that honourable senators, whose devotion to duty has

been very visible during the last few days, will be in the building tomorrow morning. If we find that we can meet at 11 o'clock, or perhaps at 12 o'clock, the bell will be rung, and we can then proceed with the remainder of our business.

Hon. Mr. King: Would it not be well to state, "after eleven"?

Hon. Mr. Hugessen: Well, as the members in the other place will meet at 10 o'clock, it is conceivable, that they might get through before 11 o'clock. I do not anticipate, however, that the bell will be rung before eleven.

Hon. Mr. Paterson: Is the other house meeting tonight?

Hon. Mr. Hugessen: Yes; and as I said, I understand they will meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning in an endeavour to complete their business. My honourable friend from Ottawa (Hon. Mr. Lambert) suggests that we meet definitely at 11 o'clock. Is that convenient to honourable senators?

Some Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Hugessen: I move that when the Senate adjourns it stand adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m.