

Hon. Mr. WATSON: He has permission now.

Hon. Mr. WILLOUGHBY: I think that the motion passed to-day empowers us to meet whether the Senate is convened or not, and that we can sit even while a sitting of the House is taking place. We do intend, as a matter of fact, to sit at some time during the adjournment.

Hon. W. B. ROSS: It is understood, then, that if there is an adjournment none of the larger committees, except any that has special leave now, will sit?

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND: Yes, that is understood

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, February 16, at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE

Tuesday, February 16, 1926.

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

CLERKS ASSISTANT TO THE SENATE EXEMPTION FROM CIVIL SERVICE ACT

The Hon. the SPEAKER presented a report from the Civil Service Commission exempting from the operation of the Civil Service Act the positions of First Clerk Assistant and Second Clerk Assistant to the Senate.

DEMISE OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA JOINT RESOLUTION

A message was received from the House of Commons informing the Senate that the Commons had passed an Address to His Most Excellent Majesty the King, expressing the deep regret and heartfelt sorrow of the House at the demise of Her Majesty the late Queen Mother Alexandra, and requesting Their Honours to unite with the House of Commons in the same Address.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved:

That the Senate doth agree with the House of Commons in the said Address and do fill in the blank space therein with the words "Senate and."

He said: Honourable gentlemen, the Address which comes to us reads as follows:

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the the House of Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, approach Your Majesty with

the expression of our deep and heartfelt sorrow at the demise of Her Majesty the Queen Mother.

We deplore the loss of Queen Alexandra, whose manifold and exalted virtues have for three generations commanded the respect and admiration of the world, and there has come to each of us a sense of personal bereavement which, we say it with all possible respect and duty, makes Your Majesty's sorrow our own.

We pray that the God of consolation may comfort Your Majesty and the members of the Royal Family in their affliction, and that Your Majesty may be long spared as the Sovereign of this great Empire.

This resolution is before us for confirmation. We all, I am sure, join in the expression of sorrow contained in it. We voiced our feelings in this respect when, at the opening of Parliament, in discussing the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, we spoke of the demise of Her Majesty the Queen Mother. I do not know that I can add anything to the words we uttered then. I am sure that there was in the hearts of all Canadians a deep affection for a Queen who reigned with such dignity and in so lovable a manner as did the Queen Mother who has departed.

Hon. W. B. ROSS: Honourable gentlemen, at an earlier date in the Session I expressed on behalf of honourable members on this side of the House our sorrow at the death of the Queen Mother. There is nothing to add to what I said then, but I desire to associate myself with the remarks of the honourable leader on the other side, and I am sure that we all join in what he has said.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved:

That the Hon. the Speaker do sign the said Address on behalf of the Senate.

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved:

That a Message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that House that the Senate hath agreed to the said Address to His Most Excellent Majesty the King, and hath filled in the blank space therein with the words "Senate and."

The motion was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved:

That a humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Right Honourable Julian Hedworth George, Baron Byng of Vimy; General on the Retired List and in the Reserve of Officers of the Army; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath; Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George; Member of the Royal Victorian Order; Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of Canada: May it please Your Excellency:

We, the Senate and of Canada, in Parliament assembled, have agreed to an Address to His Most Excellent Majesty the King expressing our deep and heartfelt sorrow at the demise of Her Majesty the Queen Mother, and respectfully request