

is, I have no great objection; but I think we would feel happier if it were varied to the extent I have suggested. I am not offering an amendment, I am only asking the Leader opposite if he would include what I have just suggested in his motion.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Honourable senators, as far as I am concerned, I merely adopted the phraseology used ever since the resolution was first introduced in the Senate. As I said yesterday, I had some doubts in my mind as to whether such a resolution was necessary or not. If the resolution as it stands would cause any inconvenience, I should be very pleased to accept the suggestion of my honourable friend. I should like to know how the Leader opposite, or any other senator, feels in regard to it. I am quite willing to abide by the opinion of the House.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: The honourable senator from Saltcoats (Hon. Mr. Calder) has made a suggestion to me which I think has merit. It is that the three days notice should not be made arbitrary but that the honourable the Speaker be given the power asked for on the understanding that he is to give three days' notice except in cases of extreme emergency.

Hon. Mr. LEGER: That would be satisfactory to me.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: It is suggested, honourable senators, that, instead of changing the phraseology of the resolution, it be passed on the understanding that should it become necessary to act upon the resolution it would be desirable to have at least three days notice.

Hon. Mr. HAIG: Unless it be in a case of extreme emergency, when immediate action has to be taken.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Is it suggested that the motion be amended?

Hon. Mr. HAIG: No, Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Mr. HOWARD: His Honour will use his own judgment.

The Hon. the SPEAKER: Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

The motion was agreed to.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY

The Senate resumed from yesterday the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech at the opening of the Session, and the motion of Hon. Mr. Robinson for an Address in reply thereto.

Hon. Mr. LEGER.

Hon. ARTHUR W. ROEBUCK: Honourable senators,—

Some Hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. ROEBUCK: Honourable senators, I thank you for the welcome. I should like to join in the very eloquent remarks made in his masterful speech, by the honourable member from Summerside (Hon. Mr. Robinson) who, in moving that a humble address be presented to His Excellency, thanked the older members of this House for the kindness with which they had welcomed the new members. The friendly welcome that was extended to us was, I can assure you, very highly appreciated. I wish to join in that expression of thanks and to add that I myself was most favourably impressed by the courtesy, the good fellowship and the kindness with which the older senators—and may I say as well, the officers of this House—welcomed us, the newcomers, to this assembly.

May I also join in the congratulations so eloquently tendered to you, Mr. Speaker, upon your assumption of the responsibilities and duties of your high office. And if I am not presuming too much as a new member, I should also like to join in the congratulations and the good wishes that have been extended to the two honourable gentlemen who have undertaken the duties and responsibilities of leadership in this House. I refer to the honourable senator from Shelburne (Hon. Mr. Robertson) and the honourable senator from Winnipeg (Hon. Mr. Haig).

May I, at the opening of my first address in the Senate, acknowledge the gratitude that I feel for the privilege which I now enjoy of addressing this most distinguished assembly. I am particularly grateful to the honourable senator from Inkerman (Hon. Mr. Hugessen) for the kind remarks which he made on the floor of this Chamber yesterday afternoon when extending a welcome to the newcomers. He gave us the assurance that our voices—he did not add, as he might have done, "however raucous"—would be welcomed, and that our views, however immature,—

Some Hon. SENATORS: Oh, oh.

Hon. Mr. ROEBUCK: —would be tolerated. I appreciate that assurance very highly, and I can tell the honourable gentleman that it makes me feel more comfortable as I rise for the first time here to state a few thoughts which perhaps are immature and which certainly will not be presented in any finished way.

The honourable senator from Winnipeg (Hon. Mr. Haig) expressed himself very strongly in favour of the alternative vote in single-member constituencies. As I under-