

up until the fall, and is distributed in the interval. That is the whole purpose of my motion.

**Hon. Mr. Flynn:** Honourable senators, I merely want to point out that this motion gives specific authority to the special committee that my honourable friend Senator Langlois has been referring to. In fact, it clarifies the powers of that committee in this particular instance.

I was just wondering, although probably it is too late now, whether the mandate of this committee should not be clarified to cover situations such as this or situations like the one which is being faced by the committee chaired by Senator Lamontagne. I can well understand that a committee of the Senate dealing with any legislation—for instance, the Banking, Trade and Commerce, which is considering the subject matter of the Combines Investigation Act—should not continue to sit, because we do not know whether that bill will ever come before us. That is a legislative matter, but investigations, like the one by Senator Lamontagne's committee that has been referred to, can on some occasions—not during the election campaign, but at least after the election and during the period before Parliament has reconvened—be continued with excellent results.

I was trying to find a formula by which this could be achieved without violating the written Constitution. It would not really violate the written Constitution, because there is nothing in the written Constitution about that. Only usage and tradition cover such circumstances.

**Hon. Mr. Langlois:** Let us establish the practice, then.

**Hon. Mr. Flynn:** We were trying to solve the problem faced by Senator Goldenberg, and I was trying to help Senator Lamontagne to go ahead with his work.

**Hon. Mr. Lamontagne:** I must say that if this is feasible I would be delighted, but I was told on two previous occasions that it could not be done. Perhaps with some kind of agreement here, what was impossible up to now could become possible.

**Hon. Mr. Molson:** Honourable senators, I would like to ask the Chairman of the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee what this means in the way of procedure. To begin with, I agree that there should not be this delay. That committee's report is a report to the Senate, but it is going to be published and some months later, presumably, it will be presented to the Senate in the normal way. Is it correct to say it will be published for information purposes only, and will not have the weight of having been submitted and accepted or approved?

**Hon. Mr. Goldenberg:** That is correct. I assume that the chairman of the committee will table the report shortly after the opening, and we will then debate it in the usual way.

Motion agreed to.

#### HONOURABLE H. CARL GOLDENBERG

##### FELICITATIONS ON HONORARY DEGREE

**Hon. Sidney L. Buckwold:** Honourable senators, yesterday we had the privilege of congratulating Madam Speaker on her receiving an honorary degree, with another one to be conferred this weekend. I should like now to draw to

the attention of the Senate another member of this chamber who is being so honoured. I refer to the Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, Senator Goldenberg, who is to be given an honorary degree by the University of British Columbia.

**Hon. Senators:** Hear, hear.

**Hon. Mr. Buckwold:** I am sure this is just one more indication of the high esteem in which Senator Goldenberg is held by the people of Canada.

#### STANDING RULES AND ORDERS

##### COMMITTEE MEETING CANCELLED

**Hon. Mr. Molson:** Honourable senators, before the adjournment I should like to say that despite the discussions which have taken place about meetings of committees, the meeting of the Standing Committee on Standing Rules and Orders scheduled for tomorrow morning will not, in view of the peculiar circumstances of the day, be held.

#### BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

**Hon. Mr. Cameron:** Honourable senators, there is a meeting of the Foreign Affairs Committee scheduled for this evening, and I notice that neither the chairman nor the vice-chairman is here. Is the meeting going ahead at 8 o'clock as scheduled?

**Hon. Mr. Langlois:** The chairman is not here.

**Hon. Mr. Flynn:** Will he not be here today?

**Hon. Mr. Langlois:** I do not know.

**Hon. Mr. Buckwold:** As far as I know, the meeting will be held. There has been no indication otherwise. I might say that this particular committee has authority to meet, by resolution of the Senate, at times when the Senate is not sitting, other than between Parliaments.

**Hon. Mr. Flynn:** But tonight there is no problem, because the Senate is sitting today.

**Hon. Mr. Lamontagne:** Honourable senators, do I understand that at its meeting tomorrow the Internal Economy Committee will take up the suggestion that has been made by the Leader of the Opposition?

**Hon. Mr. Flynn:** It might be too late.

**Hon. Mr. Lamontagne:** Well, the subcommittee will have to meet anyway.

**Hon. Mr. Flynn:** I know, but this is the problem. I do not know whether honourable senators would agree, but I was just thinking that it might be a good thing to adjourn until 5 o'clock and consider whether we should enlarge on that motion. Does the acting leader believe that would be useful? If he does, all well and good; otherwise, we will proceed with the authority that has already been given by the Senate.

**Hon. Mr. Langlois:** I cannot do otherwise than abide by the advice I have received. I am told we have this authority, and I do not see how the Senate could change that.