

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, I rise not to interrupt or change Senator Gigantès' status, who, I suppose, has broken some sort of record, having spoken for 18 hours in this debate.

I rise to present the following to you, which has been agreed upon by Senator Doody and myself.

It being after 5:45 o'clock on Thursday, I propose to move, pursuant to Rule P-1(a), that the Senate adjourn. By the terms of that rule, the sitting is thereby automatically suspended until 2 p.m. tomorrow.

A motion tomorrow after 5 p.m., pursuant to Rule P-2, would suspend the sitting until 2 p.m. Monday next. In the result, there would be three hours of sitting tomorrow between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. and then suspension for the weekend. In that specific context, the leaderships see no reason why tomorrow's three hours should not take place between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

We propose, therefore, with leave of the Senate that the effect of today's—that is Thursday's—provisional Rule P-1(a) motion will be to permit a motion pursuant to provisional Rule P-2 to be made after 12 noon tomorrow, December 7, rather than not until after 5 p.m.

Honourable senators, if leave is granted, I will move that motion.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, is leave granted?

Some Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Senator Frith: Honourable senators, pursuant to Rule P-1(a), I move that the Senate do now adjourn. The effect of that is automatically to suspend the sitting until tomorrow at 2 p.m. However, because of what we have agreed upon, it will be at 9 a.m. tomorrow. I intend to withdraw the motion tomorrow.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker: Honourable senators, the Senate is now suspended until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

Hon. Philippe D. Gigantès: Honourable senators, it is not yet 6 o'clock. You need unanimous consent and I did not give it. I told you I wanted to speak until 6 p.m.

I now rise on a question of privilege. This is the second time within a couple of weeks that I have refused unanimous consent and it was disregarded. The rights and privileges of a senator include the right to refuse unanimous consent.

Some Hon. Senators: You agreed.

Senator Gigantès: You agreed; I did not. You need unanimous consent to adjourn ahead of time.

Senator Frith: We have to come back at 2 p.m. tomorrow then.

Senator Gigantès: Let me speak until 6 o'clock and I will withdraw my objection.