

I see an honourable senator shaking his head. Perhaps he thinks I am too optimistic.

Hon. Mr. McKEEN: They are not doing anything in the other house.

Hon. Mr. VIEN: I have discussed this matter with two or three members of the opposition, all of whom said the work would be concluded to-morrow night. At the present time they are still debating a question of confidence.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Under the circumstances I will move the formal motion for adjournment.

The Senate adjourned until to-morrow at 3 p.m.

THE SENATE

Thursday, July 17, 1947.

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

Prayers and routine proceedings.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Honourable senators, the Senate has now disposed of all the business that has come before it, and the order paper is now clear. As there is considerable uncertainty as to what progress is being made in another place towards completing the work of the session, I am going to ask honourable senators to remain in the building subject to call, so that we may deal with the supply bill when it comes from the other chamber. In the meantime, I would suggest that we adjourn during pleasure, to reassemble at the call of the bell at approximately 5.45 this afternoon. By that time I shall have secured what information I can, and will advise honourable members whether it is desirable that we sit this evening. I am sure it is the wish of honourable members to facilitate the business of the session, should rapid progress be made in another place.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The sitting was resumed.

Acting Speaker: Hon. THOMAS VIEN, P.C.

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: Honourable senators, from inquiries I have made it appears that the prospect of receiving any legislation from the other house this evening is not good. Nevertheless, it has been suggested that we hold ourselves in readiness, and I would there-

fore ask the house to take recess until the call of the bell, probably at ten o'clock tonight.

Hon. Mr. HORNER: Is there much hope of prorogation tonight?

Hon. Mr. ROBERTSON: I began by saying that the prospect is not good. However, "hope springs eternal."

At six o'clock the Senate took recess.

The sitting was resumed.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

The Hon. the ACTING SPEAKER informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Assistant Secretary to the Governor General, acquainting him that the Honourable Patrick Kerwin, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, would proceed to the Senate chamber this day at 11 p.m. for the purpose of proroguing the present session of parliament.

PRIVATE BILL

CONCURRENCE BY COMMONS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Hon. the ACTING SPEAKER: Honourable senators, a message has been received from the House of Commons to return Bill O-12, an Act to incorporate the Catholic Episcopal Corporation of Labrador, and to acquaint the Senate that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to this bill, without any amendment.

CIVIL SERVICE SUPERANNUATION BILL

CONCURRENCE BY COMMONS IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Hon. the ACTING SPEAKER: Honourable senators, a message has been received from the House of Commons to return Bill 415, an act to amend the Civil Service Superannuation Act, and to acquaint the Senate that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Senate to this bill, without any amendment.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The sitting was resumed.

APPROPRIATION BILL No. 5

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 457, an Act for granting to His Majesty certain sums of money for the public service of the financial year ending the 31st of March, 1948.

The bill was read the first time.