

Honourable senators will note that this motion is virtually identical to the second paragraph of the previous motion, the paragraph that was withdrawn. The date has now been filled in, that date being Tuesday next, the 8th of December, 1981, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Hon. Jacques Flynn (Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, of course there is no problem with accepting the motion. I simply want to confirm that this motion conforms with the discussions which were held between the Leader and the Deputy Leader of the Government and some of the senators on this side of the chamber.

At this time I merely want to point out that the Leader of the Government, as is customary, should have the last word in this debate. I, too, should have the opportunity to speak at the end of the debate. If, by 5 o'clock on Tuesday, this has not occurred, perhaps the vote will have to be postponed for an hour or so, or perhaps even delayed until later on in the evening. I would simply like to say that 5 o'clock is the time agreed upon unless circumstances warrant unanimous approval, in good faith, of a postponement to a later time on the same day.

I do not think we should be strictly bound by setting the time at 5 o'clock. If someone has something more to say, I think we should allow him to say it.

Senator Frith: Honourable senators, under our rules we can, with unanimous consent, make changes to fit the circumstances. I feel that what the honourable senator has said really applies to every order that we make; namely, that we reserve the right to change something so long as we have unanimous agreement. We will not be the victims of our own order. The order will, however, provide that the vote be taken at 5 o'clock.

Senator Flynn: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators will want to know about the schedule for sittings between now and the time of the vote. The understanding and agreement between the leadership on this side of the chamber and that on the other side is as follows: We will sit tomorrow morning from 10 o'clock until 12.30 p.m., and again from 2 until 4.30 in the afternoon. That will give us four to four-and-a-half hours for debate. We would not need any order thereafter because the rules come into effect to bring us here on Monday at 2 o'clock.

We intend to sit on Monday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and again at 8 o'clock in the evening. We will then sit Tuesday afternoon unless we find that, because we need the extra time, we wish to sit Tuesday morning as well. Otherwise we will simply let the rules apply and sit at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Therefore, honourable senators, I move, seconded by the Honourable Senator Flynn, P.C., with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(g), that when the Senate adjourns

today, it do stand adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, December 4, 1981, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is leave granted, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

THE CONSTITUTION

MOTION FOR AN ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN— MOTION FOR TELEVISION OF FINAL VOTE

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Government), with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(h), moved:

That pool television cameras and pool newspaper photographers be permitted in the Senate Chamber for the purpose of recording the final vote on the motion of the Leader of the Government in the Senate for an Address to Her Majesty the Queen respecting the Constitution of Canada.

He said: Honourable senators will have watched and enjoyed—or, at least will have been interested in—the reporting of the vote in the other place. A request has been made by the media that it be permitted entry into the Senate chamber to record the final vote on the motion respecting the Constitution. Permission is needed for that. I repeat, the request is for Senate approval of the simple recording of the vote, which will be held, according to our order, at 5 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon.

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

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MOTION FOR AN ADDRESS TO HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN— DEBATE ADJOURNED

Hon. Ernest C. Manning: Honourable senators, I enter this debate sharing at least one mutual bond with all other honourable senators in this chamber. Whatever our assessment of the constitutional package may be, we surely share a mutual sense of relief that this phase of this long divisive exercise is finally drawing to its close. I say "this phase" because the consequences of what is being done are still ahead of us. We should not be under any illusions as to how serious those consequences may be.

Before we give our final judgment on this matter, we should recognize that we have come full circle in what started out as an effort to preserve the national unity of this country. If this constitutional package is approved here and at Westminster, we will be back precisely where we were a year ago as far as the Quebec-versus-the-rest-of-Canada issue is concerned, except the positions will be more polarized and the Quebec government's anger at what it interprets as a betrayal will make future negotiations even more difficult than before.

With the birth of the Parti Québécois some years ago, Canadians became aware that growing dissatisfaction in