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Senator SHERRY (TAS) (10.40 am)—by leave—Just very briefly, Senator Kemp has just indicated to me what he intended to do. We do not have an explanation. I will not oppose the adjournment, but I will make the point that we are ready to proceed. We have been under considerable pressure to consider the government's program by the end of the week. I do not think it is satisfactory to adjourn just as we are about to go into committee.

Whilst we are anxious to cooperate with the government's program and to make sure that everything is dealt with, this was not indicated to me until about a minute ago. If there are problems with the amendment and the deal the Democrats have entered into with the government, the government and the Democrats should get it right. We should be dealing with the legislation as is set down on the red for the day. We are not happy about it. We are concerned to make sure that the government does deal with its legislation by the end of the week, and this sort of unexpected event does not help.