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Seth

The ideas of going into recess and discharging business are so closely linked in the parliamentary mind that it would be difficult to persuade most people that you could have a recess without discharging at least some business.

Given that Houses can discharge any or all business before them at any time, and can "save" business to carry over from one session to another, I see no reason why a House cannot by resolution declare the end of its session and the beginning of the next, and in the same resolution discharge all or some of its outstanding business or "save" all or some of its outstanding business.

In our system business is frequently discharged without the end of a session and business is carried over into another session even after a general election.

Nothing further on quorums. I do not think that I will find anything.

Harry