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SPEECH FROM THRONE

Closing Third Session Nineteenth Parliament

Hon. Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

The present session opened in the shadow of ~~the very critical situation created by~~ the rapid and far-flung successes of Japanese aggression in the far East. The entry of the United States into the war, ~~against the Axis powers both in Europe and Asia had completed~~ the circle of world-wide conflict. ~~The forces of freedom had been consolidated by the signature at Washington of~~ the pact binding together the United Nations. On every continent, ~~including the confines of North America~~, and ~~on every~~ ocean, ~~the forces of freedom were confronted by the might of~~ ruthless tyrannies ~~bent upon~~ world domination.

A (Here insert one or two paragraphs summarizing course of war. To note: Axis advances in North Africa, German advance in Russia, Japanese advances toward India and Australia and in China, the air raids over Germany, and the Battles of the Atlantic, the Coral Sea, Midway, the Aleutians, the submarines in the St. Lawrence, the attack on Vancouver Island, and events to come between now and actual prorogation.)

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