PRAYERS.

His Honour the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received the following communication from the Governor General's Secretary:--

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY,

OTTAWA, 18th May, 1909.

SR,—I am commanded by the Governor General to inform you that His Excellency will proceed to the Senate Chamber on the 19th instant, at 3.30 p.m., for the purpose of proroguing the present Session of Parliament.

> I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant,

> > J. HANBURY-WILLIAMS, Colonel,

Governor General's Secretary.

The Honourable

The Speaker of the Senate.

His Honour the Speaker presented to the Senate a Report from the Clerk of the Senate on the yearly increases of Salary.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk, as follows:-

CLERK'S OFFICE.

OTTAWA, May 19, 1909.

Hon. J. K. KERR,

Speaker of the Senate.

SIR,—I have the honour to report, that, should you deem it expedient to recommend to the Senate the payment of the yearly increase of salary, which under the provisions of section 37 of the Civil Service Amendment Act of 1908, may be paid to employees of the Senate, I know of no one who should be deprived of said increase by reason of misconduct or neglect of duty.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

SAMUEL ST. O. CHAPLEAU,

Clerk of the Senate.

I hereby recommend that the increases of salary referred to in the above report be paid to the Officers of the Staff of the Senate; said increases to date from the 31st March, 1909.

J. K. KERR.

On motion of the Right Honourable Sir Richard Cartwright, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Dandurand, it was

Ordered, That the said Report and recommendation be adopted.

The Senate according to order proceeded to the consideration of the Sixth Report of the Standing Committee on the Internal Economy and Contingent Accounts of the Senate.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. Watson, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Young, it was

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.