The Clerk at the Table informed the Senate that the Honourable the Speaker was unavoidably absent.

The Honourable Senator Connolly, P.C., moved, seconded by the Honourable Senator Flynn, P.C.:—

That, during the absence of the Honourable the Speaker, the Honourable Senator White, P.C., do preside as Speaker.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the Clerk declared the motion carried in the affirmative.

Whereupon the Honourable Senator White, P.C., took the Chair.

PRAYERS.

The Honourable the Speaker pro tem informed the Senate that the Clerk of the Senate had received Certificates from the Registrar General of Canada, showing that:—

Donald Allan McLean, Esquire, and Hervé-J. Michaud, Esquire, respectively, had been summoned to the Senate.

The Honourable the Speaker pro tem informed the Senate that there were Senators without, waiting to be introduced.

The Honourable Senator McLean was introduced between the Honourable Senator Connolly, P.C., and the Honourable Senator Burchill, and having presented Her Majesty's Writ of Summons it was read by the Clerk Assistant, as follows:—

CANADA

ROLAND MICHENER (G.S.)

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her other Realms and Territories QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

TO

Our Trusty and Well-beloved DONALD ALLAN McLEAN, Esquire,

of Black's Harbour, in the Province of New Brunswick,

GREETING:

KNOW YOU, that as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may the State and Defence of Canada concern, We have thought fit to summon you to the Senate of Canada; and We do command you, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid, in the Senate of Canada at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our Parliament may be in Canada convoked and holden; and this you are no wise to omit.