

Prorogation of Parliament

when we have to refer to these regulations, but will also facilitate ready reference to them by hon. members or by any member of the public.

PRIVILEGE

MR. KNOWLES—APPRECIATION OF MESSAGES
RECEIVED DURING ILLNESS

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, may I take this opportunity to express to you and to many members of this house, including cabinet ministers and members of all parties, my warm appreciation of their messages of cheer and good will which reached me last month.

I shall forget as soon as I can the illness which prompted those messages, but I shall never forget the happy experience of receiving, not only from friends but also from political enemies, so many expressions of kindly concern. I am most grateful for them, and I am glad to be here again.

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A message was delivered by Major C. R. Lamoureux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Right Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable house in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the house went up to the Senate chamber.

The Deputy Governor General was pleased to close the third session of the twenty-first parliament of Canada with the following speech:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

When the present session adjourned in September it was considered that the world situation might make it necessary to resume the session before the close of the year. As that did not happen, my ministers recommended, just before the beginning of the new year, that the special session be concluded and a regular session be commenced as early as circumstances would permit.

The measure to provide for the resumption of the operation of the railways which was enacted at the opening of the special session resulted in the immediate termination of the strike. Failure to reach an accommodation between the parties to the dispute led to the appointment of an arbitrator, whose decision has settled the points remaining at issue, as provided for in the statute.

In response to the original reason for summoning the special session you approved a measure making provision for the placing of Canadian forces on active service in consequence of action undertaken by Canada under the United Nations charter or the North Atlantic treaty; and to provide for the application of veterans legislation to veterans of the special force.

You also passed bills respecting materials and services essential for the purposes of defence and internal security and respecting the temporary regulation of consumer credit.

Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the provision you made for additional defence expenditures and also for meeting our obligations under the United Nations charter and the North Atlantic treaty.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

May Providence continue to bless and protect this nation.