

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

The Honourable Senator Robertson, seconded by the Honourable Senator Crerar, moved:—

That in the absence of the Honourable the Speaker, the Honourable Senator Vien do preside as Speaker.

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

Whereupon the Honourable Senator Vien took the Chair.

PRAYERS.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Assistant Secretary to the Governor General.

The same was then read by the Honourable the Speaker, as follows:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
OTTAWA

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL

DECEMBER 12, 1945.

Sir,—I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Thibaudeau Rinfret, the Chief Justice of Canada, acting as Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber on Tuesday, the eighteenth of December, at 5 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of proroguing the present Session of Parliament.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. L. C. PEREIRA,

Assistant Secretary to the Governor General.

It being one o'clock, the Honourable the Speaker left the Chair to resume the same at three o'clock.

3 p.m.

The Senate resumed.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The Senate resumed.