

Honour was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following bills:

An Act respecting the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act.

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An Act to amend the Canada Corporations Act.

Mr. Speaker informed the House that he had then addressed the Honourable the Deputy to His Excellency the Governor General as follows:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

"The Commons of Canada have voted Supplies required to enable the Government to defray certain expenses of the public service.

"In the name of the Commons I present to Your Honour the following Bill:

'An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the public service, for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1968.'

"To which Bill I humbly request Your Honour's Assent."

Whereupon, the Clerk of the Senate, by Command of the Deputy to His Excellency the Governor General, did say:

"In Her Majesty's name, the Honourable the Deputy to His Excellency the Governor General thanks Her Loyal Subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill."

Mr. Speaker also reported that, when the House did attend His Honour the Deputy to His Excellency the Governor General, His Honour was pleased to make a speech to both Houses of Parliament and to prevent mistakes he had obtained a copy, which is as follows:

Honourable Senators, Honourable Members of the House of Commons:

We are assembled here today on an historic occasion to participate in an act which is rooted in tradition.

On this day, one hundred years ago, the first Governor General of Canada, Viscount Monck, opened the first session of the first Parliament of the newly formed Confederation. The new national capital had witnessed on July 1st, 1867, a ceremony which was the culmination of the discussions that had taken place in Charlottetown and Quebec. Deliberations could now begin on bills which, in due course, would become the first statutes of Canada.

Federal union had been accomplished and the members of that First Parliament were called upon to address their attention to the complex problems of nation-building. A century later and in the midst of the Twenty-Seventh Parliament, we reflect with gratitude and with justifiable pride on what has been achieved.

With courage, imagination and brawn, Canadians have come to grips with the challenge of geography and economics. Incredible distances have been spanned and the vast and rich resources of the land have been extensively developed. The problems of environment have obliged us to be pre-occupied