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- (Main) Honorable members of the Senate:
(Hon.) Members of the House of Commons:
1. War situation when Parliament met,
and war developments during session:

The present session opened under the shadow of the rapid successes of Japanese aggression in the Far East, in Europe and in Africa Germany maintained her conquests of previous years. Japan and Germany, in making war upon the United States, had completed the circle of worldwide conflict. The forces of ruthless tyrannies were combined in one mighty effort to effect world domination.

Viewed from the opposite side, the entry of the United States into the war had served mightily to strengthen the forces of freedom. These forces had been further consolidated by the signature of the declaration which bound together the United Nations.

With German advances in North Africa and Russia, and Japanese advances toward India and Australia and in China, the shadows, for many months, seemed to lengthen. As impatient demands for a second front in Europe threatened to strain relations between the allied powers, the shadows deepened.

In the late summer, the midnight hour seemed to have arrived.

The British successes in Egypt and Libya, in October, and followed by the landing in North Africa of an American and British expeditionary force in November, now appear to have changed the whole course of the war. Combined with the determined resistance of China, and the unparalleled achievements of the armed forces of Russia, the successes of the British and American armies in North Africa, have reversed the position of the Allied and Axis powers. The United Nations are now

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more evenly matched

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