

Appropriate amendments to the Canadian Citizenship Act will be introduced to prevent the retention of Canadian citizenship by persons who have renounced their allegiance or shown by their conduct that they are not loyal to Canada.

The high level of employment and production within our country give our people increased capacity to meet the demands of national and international security.

The spirit of unity so happily reflected in the conferences between the federal and provincial governments is further evidence of our ability to make an effective national response to the emergency.

Proposals were laid before the provincial governments for new tax agreements and for a contributory old age pension program along the lines recommended by the joint committee at the last regular session.

The provincial governments are at present giving consideration to these proposals and to proposals for constitutional amendments which may require to be submitted to you before the close of the present session.

You will be asked to consider measures respecting federal grants to municipalities in lieu of taxation of Crown property, the abolition of the requirement of the fiat in the case of petitions of right, and the bequests of Laurier House and Kingsmere.

You will also be asked to consider a complete revision of the Indian Act and the Consolidated Revenue and Audit Act.

Other measures to be introduced will include amendments to the Immigration Act, the Post Office Act, the Central Mortgage and Housing Act, the Gold Mining Assistance Act and the Customs Act.

It is anticipated that the reports of the Royal Commissions on Transportation and on National Development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences will become available during the course of the session.

Members of the House of Commons:

You will be asked to make provision for national defence and the meeting of our obligations under the United Nations Charter and the North Atlantic Treaty, as well as for all essential services.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

May Divine Providence bless your deliberations and give to our people the fortitude and patience to sustain the trials of these troubled times.

The House of Commons withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

Prayers.

RAILWAY BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. Mr. Hugessen (for Hon. Mr. Robertson) presented Bill A, an Act relating to railways.

The bill was read the first time.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

Hon. Mr. Hugessen (for Hon. Mr. Robertson) moved that the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration on Thursday next.

Hon. Mr. Haig: Honourable senators, I think the government has been wise to introduce this motion now. Frequently, in the past, several days have elapsed at the beginning of a session before the Senate has done any business, with the result that at the end of the session it has been forced to rush through a great deal of work.

I am heartily in accord with the government's motion, and I hope that this is indicative of the course to be followed in the conduct of our business throughout the session, and that when we have no work to do we shall adjourn and go to our homes until such time as the House of Commons catches up with us. We shall do our job so that there can be no protestations against our conduct.

The motion was agreed to.

COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND PRIVILEGES

MOTION

Hon. Mr. Hugessen (for Hon. Mr. Robertson) moved:

That all senators present during the session be appointed a committee to consider the orders and customs of the Senate and privileges of Parliament, and that the said committee have leave to meet in the Senate Chamber when and as often as they please.

The motion was agreed to.

COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

MOTION OF APPOINTMENT

Hon. Mr. Hugessen (for Hon. Mr. Robertson) Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate I would move:

That pursuant to Rule 77 the following senators, to wit: The Honourable Senators Aseltine, Beaubien, Gouin, Haig, Hugessen, McDonald, Moraud, Taylor and the mover, be appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate senators to serve on the several Standing Committees during the present session; and to report with all convenient speed the names of the senators so nominated.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.