

**THE SENATE**

**Monday, January 29, 1951**

The Senate, having adjourned until Wednesday, February 14, 1951, was summoned in accordance with the provisions of the resolution adopted by the Senate on the 15th day of September last, and met this day at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers and Routine Proceedings.

**SPEECH FROM THE THRONE**

ADDRESS IN REPLY—MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received a message from His Excellency the Governor General, reading as follows:

The Honourable The Members of the Senate:

I have received with great pleasure the Address that you have voted in reply to my speech at the opening of parliament. I thank you sincerely for the Address.

Alexander of Tunis

**NEW SENATOR INTRODUCED**

The following newly-appointed senator was introduced and took his seat:

Hon. Calvert Pratt, of St. John's Newfoundland, introduced by Hon. Wishart McL. Robertson and Hon. Ray Petten.

**PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT**

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Governor General, acquainting him that the Right Honourable Thibaudeau Rinfret, acting as Deputy for His Excellency the Governor General, would proceed to the Senate Chamber this day at 3.45 o'clock for the purpose of proroguing the Special Session of the Twenty-first Parliament.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

**SPEECH FROM THE THRONE**

The Right Honourable Thibaudeau Rinfret, the Deputy of the Governor General, having come and being seated at the foot of the Throne, and the House of Commons having been summoned and being come with their Speaker, the Right Honourable the Deputy of the Governor General was pleased to close the Special 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.