

transportation. You will be asked to provide additional assistance for the completion of the Trans-Canada Highway.

My ministers have undertaken to establish a comprehensive system of contributory pensions. The new pensions will be co-ordinated with the existing provisions for old-age security, for the purpose of enabling all Canadians to retire in security and with dignity. While the arrangements required for this great advance in the social security of our people are necessarily complex, the legislation submitted to you will be designed to make the new pension plan operative as soon as possible.

Legislation on unemployment insurance is under consideration and in the meantime you will be asked to ensure that the fund is sustained to meet the claims on it.

The redistribution of electoral districts is overdue. You will be asked to authorize the establishment of a commission to undertake this important task.

A change in the Citizenship Act will be proposed to ensure full equality of rights for all Canadian citizens wherever they were born. Immigration policy will be reviewed.

Members of the House of Commons,

You will be asked to appropriate the funds required for the services and payments authorized by Parliament.

You will be invited to establish a special Committee of the House to examine defence problems.

It will be proposed that the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections review the Canada Elections Act.

You will be asked to agree to the establishment of a Committee on Procedure, over which the Speaker will preside, with the aim of strengthening Parliament and making it more effective.

Honourable Members of the Senate,

Members of the House of Commons,

In addition to the measures already specified, you will be asked to consider other legislative proposals.

May Divine Providence guide you in your deliberations.

The House of Commons withdrew.

His Excellency the Administrator was pleased to retire.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

RAILWAYS BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt presented Bill S-1, relating to railways.

Bill read first time.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

CONSIDERATION NEXT SITTING

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Administrator has caused to be placed in my hands a copy of his speech delivered this day from the Throne to the two houses of Parliament.

When shall it be taken into consideration?

(Translation):

Hon. Cyrille Vaillancourt: I have the honour to move, seconded by Hon. Mr. Hugessen, that the Speech of His Excellency the Administrator, delivered from the Throne to the two houses of Parliament, be taken into consideration at the next sitting.

Motion agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, I move, seconded by Hon. Mr. Hugessen, that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday, May 21, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

(Text):

Motion agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, May 21, at 8 p.m.