

THE SENATE

—
Tuesday, January 8, 1957

The Senate met at 10.30 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

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 this Address.

Vincent Massey

PROROGATION

NOTICE

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have received the following communication:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
 Ottawa

January 8, 1957.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Hon. Patrick Kerwin, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber at 11.00 a.m., today, the 8th January, 1957, for the purpose of proroguing the Special Session of the Twenty-Second Parliament.

I have the honour to be,
 Sir,

Your obedient servant,
 J. F. Delaute,
 Secretary to the Governor General,
 (Administrative)

The Honourable
 The Speaker of the Senate,
 The Senate,
 Ottawa.

NEW SENATORS

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform the Senate that the Clerk has received certificates from the Secretary of State of Canada showing that the following persons, respectively, have been summoned to the Senate:

Hon. Sydney John Smith,
 Hon. Austin Claude Taylor,
 Hon. William Albert Boucher,
 Hon. Henri Charles Bois.

NEW SENATORS INTRODUCED

The Hon. the Speaker having informed the Senate that there were senators without, waiting to be introduced:

The following newly-summoned senators were severally introduced, and presented Her Majesty's writs of summons, which were read by the Clerk Assistant, and took the oath prescribed by law, and were seated:

Hon. Austin Claude Taylor, of Salisbury, New Brunswick, introduced between Hon. Mr. Macdonald and Hon. Mr. Burchill.

Hon. Henri Charles Bois, of St. Bruno, Quebec, (Electoral division, Montarville), introduced between Hon. Mr. Macdonald and Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt.

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that each of the two newly-summoned senators named above had made and subscribed the declaration of qualification required by the British North America Act, 1867, in the presence of the Clerk of the Senate, the Commissioner appointed to receive and witness the said declaration.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: Honourable senators, unfortunately the other two new senators, the Honourable Sydney John Smith and the Honourable William Albert Boucher, cannot be here today, but it is expected that they will arrive before the beginning of next week.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. W. Ross Macdonald: Honourable senators, at this point perhaps I may announce the business that it is proposed to deal with in the Senate for the remainder of this week. Honourable senators will observe that the chamber is arranged for the formal opening of the new session this afternoon. It will take a long time to re-establish our desks, for the facilities for moving them are not good. In the circumstances, it is unlikely that much work can be done satisfactorily here until the beginning of next week.

I have asked Senator Vaillancourt to sit at my right, as Deputy Leader of the Government, when the desks are properly set up.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald: He will take the place of Senator Godbout, who passed away shortly after the close of the last session.

I understand that His Honour the Speaker proposes to open the new session this afternoon with prayers, after the Governor General has read the Speech from the Throne. There will then be the usual formal motions, one of which will be to set up the Selection Committee, composed of the