

The Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne was adopted by the House of Commons, having previously been adopted by the Senate. The House of Commons adjourned on Saturday at 10.25 p.m.

The Cabinet met immediately after adjournment of the Commons. A report was made recommending that, on the advice of the King's Privy Council for Canada, a petition should be submitted to His Majesty the King, with a view to the authorization by him of the issue, forthwith, of a proclamation, to be published in the Canada Gazette, to the following effect: "declaring that a state of war with the German Reich exists and has existed in Canada as and from the tenth day of September, 1939." The Committee of the Privy Council concurred in the recommendation, and this received the approval of His Excellency the Governor General.

The Canadian High Commissioner was immediately instructed, by cablegram, to submit to His Majesty the petition of the King's Privy Council for Canada that His Majesty would approve the issuing of a proclamation in his name, embodying the declaration set forth in the Order in Council. It was added that a formal submission in writing would follow.

At 11.15 a.m. on September 10 the Secretary of State for External Affairs was informed by the High Commissioner that His Majesty had given his approval to the submission.

A special issue of the Canada Gazette was published at 12.40 p.m., containing the proclamation duly signed.

BUSINESS OF PARLIAMENT

On the Orders of the Day:

Hon. RAOUL DANDURAND: His Honour the Speaker has called the Orders of the Day, and, as there is nothing on our agenda, I think I should impart to the Senate information which was to be given to the other House as to the legislation to be brought before Parliament. This is the statement:

The measures to which the House will be asked to give consideration are the following:

A Bill to amend the Combines Investigation Act, to be introduced by the Minister of Labour.

The resolution in respect of the War Appropriation Bill, to be introduced by the Minister of National Revenue.

The House will then be invited to pass the War Appropriation Bill through its different stages, as announced at the last meeting of the House.

A Bill to Incorporate the Canadian Patriotic Fund, introduced by the Minister of Pensions and National Health at the last sitting, on Saturday, will be passed through its remaining stages.

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The Minister of Labour will ask the House to pass through its remaining stages the Bill to Amend the Combines Investigation Act.

The House will be asked to resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means to consider the Budget, which will be brought down by the Minister of National Revenue.

A Bill to provide for the Regulation of War Charities will be introduced by the Acting Secretary of State.

A Bill respecting a Department of Munitions and Supply will be introduced by the Prime Minister. Related to this Bill will be a Bill to Amend the Salaries Act.

This, I take it, would have to do with the salary to be paid to the new Minister.

There is a possibility that one or two other bills will be introduced in the other House. When I am apprised of their purport I shall inform this Chamber.

An important measure, an Act for granting to His Majesty aid for National Defence and Security, which appropriates the sum of \$100,000,000, is nearing its last stage in the Commons and may come to us shortly. The Senate has met this evening in order to be ready to deal with this legislation as soon as it has been passed by the other House. I would suggest that we adjourn during pleasure, and resume about nine-thirty. If the Bill does not reach us then, we shall adjourn until to-morrow. I trust this suggestion is agreeable to my honourable friend who leads the other side of the House (Hon. Mr. Ballantyne).

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

The sitting was resumed.

WAR APPROPRIATION BILL

FIRST READING

A message was received from the House of Commons with Bill 4, an Act for granting to His Majesty aid for National Defence and Security.

The Bill was read the first time.

SECOND READING

Hon. Mr. DANDURAND moved the second reading of the Bill.

He said: Honourable senators, this is one of the important bills resulting from Canada's declaration of war, which I read to the Senate this evening. The preamble of the Bill sets forth:

Whereas a state of war exists between Canada and the German Reich; and whereas it is necessary that measures be taken for the common defence and security and to this end it is expedient that aid as hereinafter provided be rendered to His Majesty: Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows.