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Mr. Lapointe moves, seconded by Mr....., that

WHEREAS the Employment and Social Insurance Act, 1935, a statute of the Parliament of Canada which, in substance, provided for a system of compulsory unemployment insurance throughout Canada, has been held by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council to be ultra vires of the Parliament of Canada;

AND WHEREAS, if a uniform and effective system of compulsory unemployment insurance is to be adopted throughout Canada, it will be necessary to amend the British North America Act, 1867, to enable the Parliament of Canada to enact the necessary legislation;

A humble Address be presented to His Majesty the King, in the following words:-

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty:

Most Gracious Sovereign:

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty praying that You may graciously be pleased to cause a measure to be laid before the Parliament of the United Kingdom to amend the British North America Act, 1867, and that such measure be expressed as follows:-

An Act to amend the British North America Act, 1867, relating to unemployment insurance.

WHEREAS the Senate and Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled have submitted an Address to His Majesty praying that His Majesty may graciously be pleased to cause a measure to be laid before the Parliament of the United Kingdom for the enactment of the provisions hereinafter set forth:-

Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1.- Section ninety-one of the British North America Act, 1867, is amended by adding thereto as Class 2A the following:-

"2A. Unemployment Insurance."

and inserting such Class in the enumeration of the Classes of Subjects set forth in section ninety-one aforesaid, immediately after Class two.

2.- This Act may be cited as the British North America Act, 1940, and the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1930, the British North America Act, 1907, and this Act may be cited together as the British North America Acts, 1867 to 1940.