

In due course, we will hold a second session of this Parliament, at which time my ministers will place before you a statement of policy for this, their second mandate in office. Meanwhile, you may be asked at the present session to consider other matters as deemed advisable by my government.

*Ladies and gentlemen, Honourable Members of the Senate,*

*Ladies and gentlemen, Members of the House of Commons:*

As you carry out the will of the people and serve the national interest, may Divine Providence be your guide and inspiration.

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The House of Commons withdrew.

Her Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

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The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

### RAILWAYS BILL

#### FIRST READING

**Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government)** presented Bill S-1, relating to railways.

Bill read first time.

### SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

#### CONSIDERATION AT NEXT SITTING

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform you that Her Excellency the Governor General has caused to be placed in my hands a copy of her Speech delivered this day from the Throne to the two Houses of Parliament. It is as follows—

**Hon. Senators:** Dispense.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senators, when shall this Speech be taken into consideration?

**Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government)** moved:

That the Speech of Her Excellency the Governor General, delivered this day from the Throne to the two

Houses of Parliament, be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

Motion agreed to.

### COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND CUSTOMS

#### APPOINTMENT

**Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government)** moved:

That all the Senators present during this Session be appointed a Committee to consider the Orders and Customs of the Senate and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said Committee have leave to meet in the Senate Chamber when and as often as they please.

Motion agreed to.

### COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

#### APPOINTMENT

**Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government)** moved:

That pursuant to Rule 66(1), the following Senators, to wit: the Honourable Senators Corbin, Denis, Doody, Frith, Macdonald (*Cape Breton*), Molgat, Nurgitz, Petten and Phillips, be appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate (a) a Senator to preside as Speaker *pro tempore*; and (b) the Senators to serve on the several select committees during the present Session; and to report with all convenient speed the names of the Senators so nominated.

Motion agreed to.

### ADJOURNMENT

**Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government)** with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(g), moved:

That the Senate do now adjourn until tomorrow, Tuesday, 13th December, 1988, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Motion agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m.