

PRAYERS.

The Honourable Senator King moved—

That it is expedient that the Houses of Parliament do approve the following resolution:—

Whereas the government of Canada has been invited by the government of the United States of America, on behalf of itself and of the governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Republic of China, to send representatives to a conference of the United Nations to be held on April 25, 1945, at San Francisco in the United States of America to prepare a charter for a general international organization for the maintenance of international peace and security, and

Whereas the invitation suggests that the conference consider as affording a basis for such a charter the proposals for the establishment of a general international organization which have been made public by the four governments which participated in the discussions at Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, and

Whereas the government of Canada has accepted the invitation to send representatives to this conference,

Therefore be it resolved—

1. that this house endorses the acceptance by the government of Canada of the invitation to send representatives to the conference;

2. that this house recognizes that the establishment of an effective international organization for the maintenance of international peace and security is of vital importance to Canada, and, indeed, to the future well-being of mankind; and that it is in the interests of Canada that Canada should become a member of such an organization;

3. that this house approves the purposes and principles set forth in the proposals of the four governments, and considers that these proposals constitute a satisfactory general basis for a discussion of the charter of the proposed international organization.

4. that this house agrees that the representatives of Canada at the conference should use their best endeavours to further the preparation of an acceptable charter for an international organization for the maintenance of international peace and security;

5. that the charter establishing the international organization should, before ratification, be submitted to parliament for approval.

After debate, it was—

Ordered, That further debate on the said motion be adjourned until to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being called for resuming the adjourned debate on the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session of Parliament, and the motion of the Honourable Senator Vaillancourt, seconded by the Honourable Senator Robertson:—

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to offer the humble thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech which he has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely:—

To His Excellency Major-General the Right Honourable the Earl of Athlone, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, a Member of