

in which federal and provincial action can most effectively contribute to programs that will provide health services to Canadians on a comprehensive basis.

My Government will propose the re-establishment of a special committee of the House of Commons on food and drugs, and will facilitate its work with the aim of reducing the prices paid by the public for drugs.

My Government is developing new policies to enable farmers generally to achieve larger and more reliable incomes so that their living and working standards will be comparable to those enjoyed in other sectors of our economy. You will be asked to consider measures of special assistance to the family farm in both eastern and western Canada.

My Government's recent action to raise the incomes of dairy farmers will be followed by a comprehensive measure to make possible the development, in co-operation with the Provinces, of new national policies for major farm products, including the establishment of a Canadian Dairy Commission. Action will be taken to improve the movement and marketing of feed grain in eastern Canada and British Columbia.

In order to raise the level of income of Canadian fishermen, a measure will be placed before you to provide for an expanded national fisheries development program.

In order to improve the position of veterans, you will be asked to approve measures to amend the Veterans' Land Act, the Children of War Dead (Education Assistance) Act, the War Veterans' Allowance Act and the Army Benevolent Fund Act.

A measure will be placed before you to amend the Canadian Citizenship Act, particularly in order to ensure full equality of rights for all Canadian citizens wherever they were born.

You will be asked to approve a revision of the Immigration Act in the light of a white paper which will be placed before you, reviewing immigration policy and procedures.

You will be asked to enact legislation to establish an Indian Claims Commission.

A measure to establish an age of retirement from the Senate will be placed before you.

My Government will seek to provide more encouragement to the cultural development of our country. You will be asked to consider a measure to strengthen the position of Canadian publications, amendments to the legislation dealing with broadcasting, and a measure to help the development of a feature film industry in Canada.

In order to encourage the progress of scientific research in Canada you will be asked to enact legislation to establish a Science Council of Canada. You will also be asked to authorize a program for the advancement of industrial technology, designed to make our industry more competitive and efficient.

Arrangements will be made for you to decide the issue of capital punishment. My Government will appoint a special committee to study and make recommendations on a comprehensive policy for the correction and rehabilitation of prisoners.

My Government will appoint a Royal Commission to study the status, form and procedures of adjudicative and regulatory bodies and to investigate the desirability of instituting a parliamentary commissioner or Ombudsman for Canada.

My Government intends to make proposals regarding the limitation and payment of election

expenses when it has received and considered the findings of the committee of inquiry.

You will be asked to consider revisions of the Bank Act, the Quebec Savings Banks Act and the Bank of Canada Act; legislation will be proposed to establish a Canada Development Corporation to assist in financing major new industrial developments and in increasing Canadian ownership of business corporations.

My Government will propose a revision of legislation on unemployment insurance; legislation to provide for safety in employment under federal jurisdiction; amendment of the Fair Wages and Hours of Labour Act to achieve consistency with the labour standards code; legislation to make collective bargaining and arbitration available to the Public Service; and legislation revising federal superannuation and pension plans to integrate them with the Canada Pension Plan.

You will be asked to consider comprehensive legislation to reform public regulation of the railways and to facilitate the adaptation of the railway system to present and future needs; a measure to provide for the recapitalization of the Canadian National Railways; and amendments to the Aeronautics Act.

Other legislative proposals which you will be asked to consider will include: amendments to the Financial Administration Act to establish the Treasury Board under the presidency of a Minister to be named the president of the Treasury Board; legislation regarding Term 29 of the Union with Newfoundland; a measure regarding conservation of oil and gas under federal jurisdiction; amendments to the Post Office Act, the National Housing Act, the Atlantic Development Board Act, the Northwest Territories Act, the Bankruptcy Act and other legislation.

Members of the House of Commons:

You will be asked to appropriate the funds required for the services and payments authorized by Parliament.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

May Divine Providence guide you in your deliberations.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister) moved:

That the speech of His Excellency, delivered this day from the throne to both houses of parliament, be taken into consideration later this day.

Motion agreed to.

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister) presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor General:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an order in council appointing the Hon. George James McIlraith, the Hon. John Robert Nicholson, the Hon. Maurice Sauvé and the Hon. Edgar John Benson, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of the one hundred and forty third chapter of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952, intitled: an act respecting the House of Commons