

Tributes to Deceased Members

board to ensure, so far as it lies within the jurisdiction of parliament, that Canada's energy resources are used effectively and prudently to the best advantage of Canadians.

My ministers have been gratified to see the all-time record in house construction which has been made possible by government loans under the National Housing Act. They will recommend to you further amendments to that act to continue this program and to encourage the flow of private funds into mortgages.

For the purpose of increasing the range and effectiveness of the guarantees provided for financing exports, you will be asked to make certain amendments to the Export Credits Insurance Act.

My government will place before you certain amendments to the laws respecting trade practices.

You will be asked to consider a bill containing numerous amendments to the Canada Shipping Act. My government will request your approval of its participation in a contributory plan to provide medical benefits for civil servants pursuant to recommendations of the national joint council of the public service.

A comprehensive review of the provisions of the Veterans' Land Act will be proposed and amendments to ensure that veteran farmers also can take greater advantage of modern agricultural practices. Amendments to the Veterans Rehabilitation Act and the War Service Grants Act will also be recommended.

My government will recommend an amendment to the Federal-Provincial Tax-Sharing Arrangements Act to extend for another year the increase made last year in the provincial share of personal income tax revenue.

My government proposes that the entire subject of financial relations between the dominion and the provinces shall receive continued active co-operative study. All provincial governments are being asked to agree to the use, for this purpose, of the machinery of the existing federal-provincial continuing committee on fiscal and economic matters working under the direction of a committee consisting of the Minister of Finance and all provincial treasurers.

My ministers will recommend to you action to alleviate the discriminatory effects of the recent horizontal increase in freight rates.

Recommendations for a number of changes in the Criminal Code will be placed before you including some to strengthen the provisions respecting obscene literature.

My ministers will propose to you measures to revise the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act and to revise and consolidate the relevant pension provisions.

You will be asked to approve a statute to authorize the appointment of parliamentary secretaries to ministers of the crown.

My government will put forward a resolution to establish a joint committee of both houses to review the Indian Act and the administration of Indian affairs.

A recommendation will be placed before you for a statute to continue on a permanent basis the supplementary pensions for retired civil servants, members of the armed services and of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police that were provided on an interim basis by an appropriation last year.

My ministers will recommend an increase in the total funds that may be expended under the Trans-Canada Highway Act.

You will be asked to revise the Seeds Act, to approve and implement by statute an agreement with the province of New Brunswick concerning Indian lands, and to extend the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act for a further three years.

You will also be asked to amend the Northwest Territories Act, the Public Lands Grants Act, the National Defence Act, the Defence Services Pension Act, the Broadcasting Act, the Public Servants Inventions Act and certain other statutes.

Members of the House of Commons:

You will be invited to establish a special committee of the house to review broadcasting policy and operations.

It will be proposed that the standing committee on privileges and elections review the elections act in preparation for subsequent legislation.

It will also be proposed that the question of ensuring the use of humane methods in the slaughtering of animals be referred to the standing committee on agriculture for consideration.

You will be asked to appropriate the sums required for carrying on the government of Canada during the next fiscal year.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

May Divine Providence bless you and guide you in your duties.

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister) moved:

That the speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both houses of parliament be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the house.

Motion agreed to.

TRIBUTES TO DECEASED MEMBERS

THE LATE WILLIAM V. YACULA—THE LATE EDWARD R. LOCKYER

Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, it seems that every succeeding session of parliament hon. members realize something of the shortness and uncertainty of life by reason of the fact that our ranks are thinned by death. Since pro-rogation two of our members have passed away, and it is of them that I wish to speak today.

First, in regard to the former hon. member for Springfield, William Val Yacula; some 50 years ago he was born in the Ukraine. He migrated to Canada, and in the short few years that were accorded to him he made his contribution to the building of our country. Indeed, he is one of a race which is making its contribution along with other races to the building of that unity which all of us desire. He received his early education in the primary schools of Manitoba, later attending the University of Manitoba, and his career extended from school teaching to business. In later years he served as a school trustee and with various other public institutions.

A kindly man, he enjoyed the affection and respect of all who knew him. He was in the house for only a short time, yet by reason of his breadth of vision, his knowledge of Canadian conditions—particularly those concerning the western provinces—and his desire to co-operate with other members, those of us who knew him were given to