

A Message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Mr. Speaker,

“His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the Chamber of the Honourable the Senate.”

The House attended accordingly;

And being returned:

Mr. St. Laurent (Quebec East), by leave of the House, introduced a Bill, No. 1, An Act respecting the Administration of Oaths of Office, which was read the first time.

Mr. Speaker reported, that when the House did attend His Excellency the Governor General this day in the Senate Chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a Speech to both Houses of Parliament, and to prevent mistakes, he had obtained a copy, which is as follows:

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

You have been summoned at this time because of the serious international situation arising out of hostilities in the Middle East and the events in Hungary.

*Members of the House of Commons:*

You will be asked to provide expressly that the provision for defence expenditures in the Appropriation Act No. 6, 1956, be used for the purposes of Canada's participation in the United Nations Emergency Force for the Middle East in fulfilment of our country's obligations to the United Nations Organization under the Charter. You will also be requested to authorize the provision of relief for the victims of the recent tragic events in Hungary.

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

May Divine Providence continue to protect this nation, and to guide the Parliament of Canada in all its deliberations.

On motion of Mr. St. Laurent (Quebec East), it was ordered,—That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament be taken into consideration later this day.

Mr. St. Laurent (Quebec East), a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Copy of Order in Council P.C. 1956-1712, approved November 20, 1956, as follows:

His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of National Defence, is pleased, hereby, to make the following order: