

Eagle, I would say that I do not know what the "enemy" thought of our forces, "but, by God, they frightened me."

**Some Hon. Senators:** Oh, oh.

**Hon. Mr. Horner:** I am making these remarks tonight only to impress upon honourable senators the fact that no one in Canada wishes for anything but peace. With that attitude on our part, it is a sad thing that we have to spend almost \$400 million for national defence. It is interesting to note that when I first came to this house Canada's national budget by taxation was approximately \$400 million.

When I hear young people say, as I often do, that the rich man wants war so that he can make money, I ask them, "What on earth are you talking about? Farmers' prices were high in wartime. Would it be fair to say that they want war? The rich man is the one who often has everything taken away during the war, so why should he want anything but peace?"

When we return to our constituencies, honourable senators, our aim should be towards finding some means by which the present expenditure for national defence may be lessened. We should emphasize the fact throughout Canada that no one should have any fear of our ambitions or intentions. All we want to do is defend ourselves, if necessary. I realize that we are associated with other nations in our defence program, and that to a large extent our expenditures are necessary because of that relationship. I repeat the sentiment so often expressed by the late Mr. Woodsworth, that they who take the sword will perish by the sword. Some of our concern for defence may be attributable to the fact that at the outbreak of the recent war other nations pointed to our unpreparedness. But I think it should be the aim of every responsible person in Canada to hasten the day when our expenditures for defence will be reduced. Just imagine what \$400 million would do for Canada if spent in other ways! Not one dollar of the expenditure for national defence will be of any permanent use to this country.

My purpose in speaking this evening is to express the hope that we shall soon advance to a point where such outlays will not be necessary, and to urge diplomats everywhere to work for peace throughout the world. I hope that Canada and all other countries will soon be able to turn their resources to much better use than preparation for war.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the second time.

### THIRD READING

**Hon. Mr. Robertson** moved the third reading of the bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read the third time, and passed.

### PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

**The Hon. the Speaker** informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Governor General, acquainting him that the Right Honourable Thibaudeau Rinfret, acting as Deputy for His Excellency the Governor General, would proceed to the Senate chamber this day at 9 p.m. for the purpose of proroguing the present session of parliament.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

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#### THE ROYAL ASSENT—SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

The Right Honourable Thibaudeau Rinfret, the Deputy of the Governor General, having come and being seated at the foot of the Throne, and the House of Commons having been summoned and being come with their Speaker, the Right Honourable the Deputy of the Governor General was pleased to give the Royal Assent to the following bills:

- An Act for the relief of John Henniker Torrance.
- An Act for the relief of Edith Harriet Black Hambly.
- An Act for the relief of Margaret Reid O'Connell.
- An Act for the relief of Alton Charles Bray.
- An Act for the relief of Kathleen Gertrude Macartney Dorken.
- An Act for the relief of Louise de Forest MacAlpine.
- An Act for the relief of Jessie Fraser Blaiklock Stewart.
- An Act for the relief of Alice Lafond Burnham.
- An Act for the relief of Muriel Annie Elizabeth Hicks Kurtzman.
- An Act for the relief of Robert Walsham Herring.
- An Act for the relief of Leta Helen Butler Waller.
- An Act for the relief of Violet Blodwyn Young Murdoch.
- An Act for the relief of Joseph Tannenbaum.
- An Act for the relief of Isabel Christine MacLean Robinson.
- An Act for the relief of Marie Annette Vallieres Handfield.
- An Act for the relief of Nicholas Kouri.
- An Act for the relief of Viateur Fortier.
- An Act for the relief of Lois Elizabeth Rolph.
- An Act for the relief of Madeleine Dunn Landry.
- An Act for the relief of Arthur Joseph D'Avignon.
- An Act for the relief of Jessie Gwendolyn Paul Giroux.
- An Act for the relief of Celia Maria Gabrielle de Costa Baxter.
- An Act for the relief of Dorothy Amelia Beattie Harrison.
- An Act for the relief of Rosaline Laham Anber.
- An Act for the relief of Anna Starzynski Sztafinny.
- An Act for the relief of Marjorie Claire Dickison LeMieux.
- An Act for the relief of Dorothy Ruth Brown Bailey.