

CANADA

The Debates of the Senate

OFFICIAL REPORT

THE SENATE

Tuesday, August 29, 1950

The Parliament of Canada having been summoned by proclamation of the Governor General to meet this day for the dispatch of business.

The Senate met at 2.45 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

OPENING OF THE SESSION

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Governor General's Secretary informing him that His Excellency the Governor General would arrive at the main entrance of the Houses of Parliament at 3 p.m., and, when it had been signified that all was in readiness, would proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Special Session of the Twenty-first Parliament of Canada.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

At three o'clock His Excellency the Governor General proceeded to the Senate Chamber and took his seat upon the Throne. His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons, and that House being come, with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to open the Special Session of the Twenty-first Parliament of Canada with the following speech:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

You were summoned to meet somewhat earlier than was anticipated because of the disruption of railway transportation facilities resulting from the dispute between the railways and the unions representing the non-operating employees of the railways. A measure to deal with this situation will be introduced at once.

You will also be asked to give urgent consideration to the measures for increased national security and international co-operation required by the fighting in Korea and the increasingly grave international situation which that struggle reflects. That was the original reason for summoning you for this Special Session.

Members of the House of Commons:

You will be asked to approve additional appropriations for national defence and the meeting of our obligations under the United Nations Charter and the North Atlantic Treaty.

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.

The House of Commons withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

RAILWAY BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. Mr. Hugessen (for Hon. Mr. Robertson) presented Bill A, an Act relating to railways.

The bill was read the first time.

CONSIDERATION OF SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

MOTION

Hon. Mr. Hugessen (for Hon. Mr. Robertson) moved that the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to.

COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND PRIVILEGES

MOTION

Hon. Mr. Hugessen (for Hon. Mr. Robertson) moved:

That all the senators present during the session be appointed a committee to consider the orders and customs of the Senate and privileges of Parliament, and that the said committee have leave to meet in the Senate Chamber when and as often as they please.

The motion was agreed to.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

MOTION

Hon. Mr. Hugessen (for Hon. Mr. Robertson) moved, with leave of the Senate:

That a Special Committee of the Senate be appointed to examine into any legislation or other matter which may be referred to it, and that the said committee be composed of:

The Honourable Senators Aseltine, Baird, Beaubien, Bouffard, Buchanan, Burchill, Campbell, Crerar, Daigle, David, Davies, Dessureault, Emmerson, Euler, Fallis, Farris, Fogo, Gershaw, Gouin, Haig