

You will be asked to consider amendments to the Railway Act relating to the elimination of level crossings. The government also hopes to lay before you during the present session a measure to consolidate the legislation affecting the Canadian National Railways.

Amendments to the Electricity and Fluid Exportation Act and a measure to control works which affect the normal flow of rivers which cross the international boundary will be proposed for the purpose of ensuring that natural resources are developed in the best interests of the Canadian public.

You will be asked to consider a measure to implement a convention between Canada and the United States relating to fisheries research on the Great Lakes.

You will also be asked to consider legislation to provide facilities for loans to fishermen similar to those provided to farmers by the Farm Improvement Loans Act.

The government will submit amendments to the War Veterans Allowance Act to raise the basic rates as well as the ceiling on permissible incomes of recipients of allowances.

You will also be asked to consider amendments to the Blind Persons Act, to lower the age of eligibility and raise the income ceilings.

A measure which will provide for amendments to the National Defence Act and the Defence Services Pension Act will be placed before you.

Legislation will be proposed to replace the Meat and Canned Foods Act by measures to provide for the inspection of meat and for the establishment of standards for all agricultural products.

You will be asked to approve a convention signed by the members of the International Civil Aviation Organization which fixes the responsibility for damage caused to third parties by foreign aircraft.

A joint committee of both Houses will be proposed to examine, in the light of the Municipal Grants Act and possible amendments thereto, the financial and other relationships of the government and the Federal District Commission with the City of Ottawa and neighbouring municipalities.

Among other measures you will be asked to consider amendments to the Defence Production Act, the Government Employees Compensation Act, the Financial Administration Act, the Public Service Superannuation Act, the Historic Sites and Monuments Act, the Radio Act, the Territorial Lands Act, the Library of Parliament Act, the Canada Grain Act, the Northwest Territories Act, the Yukon Act, the Canada Shipping Act, the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act and to the Municipal Grants Act.

*Members of the House of Commons:*

You will be asked to make provision for the public service for the next fiscal year.

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

I pray that Divine Providence may guide you in the discharge of your responsibilities.