

the next four years so that you can judge the probable impact of today's decisions on tomorrow's economy.

[English]

Second, my Government will place greater reliance on individual initiative to generate growth and jobs for Canadians. You will receive proposals for regulatory reform, designed to ensure that the certainty and nature of government regulation encourages individual initiative and planning. Measures will be introduced to expand research and development in Canada and to further promote exports of Canadian goods and services. You will be asked to approve agreements arising from the Tokyo Round of multilateral trade negotiations, including adjustment measures for industries adversely affected by those agreements. The Minister of State for Economic Development will convene a National Economic Development Conference to discuss with the provinces, business, labour, cooperatives and other groups Canada's economic goals for the decade ahead, and how they might best be achieved in a spirit of full economic partnership. In that same spirit, legislation will be introduced to improve the handling of industrial disputes within federal jurisdiction.

Third, my Government will propose measures to help individual Canadians build a stake in our country. You will be asked to approve a program of tax credits for mortgage interest and property taxes. Measures will be placed before you to assist small and medium-size enterprises, and to encourage more Canadians to participate in the ownership of public and private enterprises. You will be asked to consider revisions to the Employment Tax Credit program, the creation of a Youth Employment Secretariat, and other measures to create new jobs for young Canadians. An employment strategy for women will be placed before you. Programs to assist native Canadians to develop and apply work skills will be expanded. Changes will be introduced in the unemployment insurance program to ensure greater equity and to remove disincentives to work.

Fourth, my Government will ask you to support programs which build upon the strengths of the regions of Canada. Legislation will be placed before you to strengthen the mandate of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion. You will be asked to consider a White Paper on future development of our fisheries resources, prepared in consultation with fishermen, the fishing industry and the provinces. My Ministers have begun to overhaul the grain transportation system through appointment of a grain transportation coordinator, the signing of agreements for the development of the Prince Rupert terminal, and a significant increase in hopper car capacity. A Seaway Advisory Council will be created to ensure that users and affected areas can contribute to policy concerning this essential waterway. My Government will ensure an even flow of work to Canadian shipyards, as we develop an effective Canadian merchant fleet. Measures will be introduced to encourage further mining development in the Canadian North, and to strengthen the capacity of our two Territorial governments to manage their own affairs. In cooperation with

the provinces and industry, a national tourism strategy will be developed.

Fifth, my Government is committed to making Canada self-sufficient in energy by 1990. To that end, in consultation with the provinces, measures will be introduced to encourage a significant reduction in Canada's overall energy consumption, and to stimulate a major expansion in our capacity to supply and distribute energy in various forms. In bringing forth these measures, my Government accepts and respects provincial jurisdiction over resources, as it accepts its own responsibility to ensure economic stability, competitive advantage and other national objectives.

My Government views the diversity of Canada as a great national asset, and is determined to encourage, not limit, the development and expression of that diversity. That encouragement will be the beginning principle of the proposals by my Ministers for consideration by the parliamentary committee reviewing cultural policies. It will be the purpose of an amendment to the Immigration Act to embed in its preamble the multicultural fact of Canada.

[Translation]

Legislation will be introduced to encourage fuller provincial and Parliamentary participation in telecommunications policy-making. The Canadian Film Development Corporation Act will be amended to significantly increase private sector participation in the Corporation and to broaden its mandate to encompass development of the recording and publishing industries in Canada.

Members of the House of Commons,

During the session you will be asked to appropriate the funds required for the services and payments authorized by Parliament.

You will be asked to approve a number of bills left pending at the dissolution of the previous Parliament.

You will be asked to consider other measures.

[English]

Honourable Members of the Senate,

Members of the House of Commons,

May divine providence guide you in your deliberations.

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The House of Commons withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

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The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

RAILWAYS BILL

FIRST READING

Senator Roblin presented Bill S-1, relating to railways.

Bill read first time.