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energies to indispensable voluntary activities. By their efforts at home, the men and women of Canada have demonstrated their eagerness to support to the utmost the fighting forces overseas.

*Members of the House of Commons:*

I thank you for the financial appropriations for the prosecution of the war.

The provision you have made for the exercise of the franchise in a general election by the men and women in the armed forces will afford them the widest opportunity to exercise this fundamental right of citizenship.

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

Canada's war effort over the past five years speaks for itself.

As I bring to a close this fifth session of our war Parliament, I join with you in a prayer for a speedy end to the horrors and sacrifices of war. In God's keeping, we leave our heroic dead. We shall ever honour their memory. For the bereaved, we ask comfort and consolation. For the prisoners of war, the missing and the wounded, we pray for an early release from their privations, anxieties and sufferings. More than ever our thoughts are of the hundreds of thousands of our young Canadians, who, with their comrades-in-arms from other lands, have offered their lives to save from conquest and servitude the free nations of the world. We humbly pray that Divine Providence may grant to all who survive the ordeal of battle an early and triumphant return to their homeland.

His Honour the SPEAKER OF THE SENATE then said:—

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

It is the will and pleasure of the Honourable the Deputy Governor General that this Parliament be prorogued until the twenty-eighth day of February, next, to be here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until the twenty-eighth day of February, next.