

My Government will also ask you to appropriate moneys required in the Unemployment Insurance Fund to safeguard the rights of workers until the report of the special committee inquiring into the unemployment insurance program has been received and can be acted upon.

You will be asked to increase the federal grants to universities and make suitable provision in those cases where alternative arrangements are made for supplementary provincial grants in lieu of federal grants.

My Government is initiating negotiations with the provincial and municipal authorities with a view to removing the tolls on the Victoria and Jacques Cartier bridges in Montreal; should these be successful you will be asked to approve legislation for this purpose.

You will be asked to authorize the institution of an automobile ferry service between North Sydney, Nova Scotia, and Argentia, Newfoundland, and to provide for the construction of the necessary vessel and docks.

Other measures will be introduced to amend the Broadcasting Act, the Canada Shipping Act, the Canadian National Railways Capital Revision Act, the Bankruptcy Act and a number of other statutes. You will be asked to approve the ratification of the Universal Copyright Convention.

Members of the House of Commons,

My Government intends to ask you to reconstitute the Special Committee on procedure of the House and request it to make recommendations on the elimination of closure of debates in the House of Commons.

The estimates required for the public service and for payments authorized by Parliament will be laid before you.

Honourable Members of the Senate,

Members of the House of Commons,

I pray that God in His wisdom may grant you light and grace in your deliberations and the fulfillment of your duties.

The House of Commons withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

RAILWAYS BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. Mr. Brunt presented Bill S-1, relating to railways.

Bill read first time.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

CONSIDERATION ON JANUARY 24

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency has caused to be placed in my hands a copy of his speech delivered this day from the Throne to the two houses of Parliament. It is as follows:

Hon. Senators: Dispense.

Hon. Mr. Brunt moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Méthot:

That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration on Wednesday, January 24, 1962.

Motion agreed to.

COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND CUSTOMS

APPOINTMENT

Hon. Mr. Brunt moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Horner:

That all the senators present during this 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.

Motion agreed to.

COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

APPOINTMENT

Hon. Mr. Brunt moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Beaubien (Bedford):

That pursuant to Rule 77, the following senators, to wit: the Honourable Senators Aseltine, Barbour, Brunt, Lefrançois, Macdonald (Brantford), Monette, Smith (Kamloops), Taylor (Norfolk), Thorvaldson and White be appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate senators to serve on the several Standing Committees during the present session; and to report with all convenient speed the names of the senators so nominated.

Motion agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Mr. Brunt: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate, I move that when the Senate adjourns today it stand adjourned until Tuesday, January 23, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

Motion agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, January 23, at 8 p.m.