

Amendments to the Combines Investigation Act and the related provisions of the Criminal Code will be laid before you to clarify and improve this act and protect the interests of small business firms.

You will be requested to revise the Civil Service Act and a special committee of the House of Commons will be proposed for the consideration of the bill. Amendments to the Public Service Superannuation Act will also be placed before you.

An amendment will be proposed to the Federal-Provincial Tax-Sharing Arrangements Act to extend, for the two remaining fiscal years covered by that act, the increase in the share of the revenue from the personal income tax that is allocated to the provinces. You will also be asked to authorize, for any provinces which desire them, alternative arrangements in respect of university grants.

Legislation will be introduced to give Indians the franchise in federal elections. You will be invited to re-establish the Joint Committee on Indian Affairs.

You will be asked to authorize the establishment of a new department to be concerned with affairs relating to the forest of Canada and their most effective utilization and conservation, and to assume responsibility for other related resources.

You will be requested to extend for three years the operation of the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance Act.

An amendment will also be proposed to the National Energy Board Act authorizing the temporary extension of the licences for the export of electricity until the board can conclude its urgent business on export of gas.

A proposal will be placed before you to extend the period during which payments may be made in respect of construction of the Trans-Canada Highway. You will also be asked to continue the operation of the Export and Import Permits Act for another three years. The repeal of the Newfoundland Fisheries Board Act will be proposed.

Measures will be placed before you to amend the Old Age Security Act and the Veterans' Allowance Act to establish a basis for the payment of pensions and allowances, respectively, to Canadians residing outside Canada.

You will be asked to authorize the establishment of harbour commissions for the harbours of Nanaimo and Oshawa, and to amend the Windsor Harbour Commissioners Act.

You will also be requested to revise the Feeding Stuffs Act and to amend the National

Housing Act, the Expropriation Act, the Department of Justice Act and certain other statutes.

Members of the House of Commons,

You will be asked to appropriate the funds required to carry out the services and payments authorized by Parliament. To assist you in this purpose, the Committee on Estimates will again be requested to review the expenditures of several departments.

You will be invited to re-establish the Special Committee on Broadcasting so that it may continue its consideration of broadcasting policy, particularly in the field of regulation and licensing.

Honourable Members of the Senate,

Members of the Commons,

May Divine Providence bless you and guide you in 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

**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 Tuesday, January 19, 1960.

Motion agreed to.

## COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND CUSTOMS

### APPOINTMENT

**Hon. Mr. Brunt**, with leave of the Senate, moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Choquette:

That all the senators present during this session be appointed a committee to consider the Orders