

the provinces, my Government will undertake a national fisheries development program reflecting the outcome of the Federal-Provincial Conference on Fisheries held last month.

You will be asked to consider measures to strengthen the position of periodicals published in Canada.

A measure to provide for the redistribution of electoral districts will be placed before you.

My Government intends to institute an inquiry to advise on the best practicable way to set enforceable limits to expenditures in election campaigns.

A measure to establish an age of retirement from the Senate will be placed before you.

You will be asked to consider amendments to the Citizenship Act which will ensure full equality of rights for all Canadian citizens wherever they were born.

You will be asked to consider measures to facilitate the reorganization of government in the interests of more effective and more efficient administration. In particular, a measure will be proposed to establish the Treasury Board under the presidency of a separate minister, who will devote his full attention to the increasingly urgent problems of the management of the public service and government expenditures. The President of the Treasury Board will be responsible for implementing other recommendations of the Royal Commission on Government Organization.

You will be asked to consider other legislative proposals.

Members of the House of Commons,

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

You will be asked to agree to the re-establishment of committees on defence and on the

procedures and organization of Parliament, and to establish other special committees.

Honourable Members of the Senate,

Members of the House of Commons,

May Divine Providence guide you in your deliberations.

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. Vaillancourt** presented Bill S-1, relating to railways.

Bill read first time.

### SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

#### CONSIDERATION ON FEBRUARY 25

**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.

Honourable senators, when shall the speech be taken into consideration?

(Translation):

**Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt** moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. Leonard:

That the speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration on Tuesday, February 25, 1964.

Motion agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m.