

The Government will continue to take an active interest in the work of the Senate-House Committee on Senate Reform.

Members of the House of Commons:

You will be asked to appropriate the funds required to carry on the services and expenditures authorized by Parliament. You will be asked to consider a budget. You will be asked to consider other legislation required for the resolution of specific economic, social and legal problems.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

May Divine Providence guide you in your deliberations.

The House of Commons withdraw.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

RAILWAYS BILL

FIRST READING

Hon. William J. Petten presented Bill S-1, relating to railways.

Bill read first time.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

CONSIDERATION NEXT SITTING

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.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, when shall this Speech be taken into consideration?

Hon. Léopold Langlois, seconded by Hon. William J. Petten, moved:

That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, delivered this day from the Throne to the two Houses of Parliament, be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the Senate.

Motion agreed to.

COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND CUSTOMS

APPOINTMENT

Hon. Léopold Langlois, seconded by Hon. Martial Asselin, moved:

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. Léopold Langlois, seconded by Hon. Martial Asselin, moved:

That, pursuant to Rule 66(1), the following Senators, to wit: the Honourable Senators Asselin, Bélisle, Cottreau, Denis, Langlois, Lapointe, Macdonald, Muir and Petten be appointed a Committee of Selection to nominate (a) a Senator to preside as Speaker *pro tempore*; and (b) the Senators to serve on the several select committees during the present Session; and to report with all convenient speed the names of the Senators so nominated.

Motion agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.