

You will be asked to amend the Pipe Lines Act to give the Board of Transport Commissioners jurisdiction over all companies authorized to construct or operate interprovincial or international oil or gas pipe lines.

The New York State Power Authority has accepted a licence granted by the Federal Power Commission in the United States for the development of the United States share of power in the international rapids section of the St. Lawrence River. It is hoped that litigation in the United States will not have the effect of delaying the construction of the Project.

As further steps in helping to improve social welfare, co-ordinated plans for rehabilitation of disabled persons are being worked out with the provinces and a measure to facilitate the establishment nationwide of a Federal-Provincial assistance programme for totally disabled persons will be submitted for your consideration.

As provided by law you will be required to consider this year a complete revision of the Bank Act.

The bill for the complete revision of the Criminal Code which was not finally dealt with in the last Parliament will be submitted for your consideration.

A committee of penal experts has been appointed to examine and report upon methods of parole and remission of sentences.

Other measures which will be placed before you for consideration include Bills respecting the Canadian Forces; the United Kingdom Financial Agreement; the Ontario-Manitoba Boundary; the extension for another year of the Emergency Gold Mining Assistance; and Bills to amend the Bank of Canada Act, the Municipal Grants Act, the Explosives Act, the Opium and Narcotic Drug Act, the Customs Act, the Excise Act, the Excise Tax Act, the Atomic Energy Control Act and certain Veterans Legislation.

Members of the House of Commons

You will be asked to make provision for all essential services including our national defence and the meeting of our obligations under the United Nations Charter and the North Atlantic Treaty.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

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May Divine Providence bless your deliberations and help us to come nearer to a true and lasting peace.

On motion of Mr. St. Laurent, it was ordered,—That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament be taken into consideration on Friday next, and that this order have precedence over all other business, unless and until otherwise ordered, except Introduction of Bills and Government Notices of Motions, until disposed of.