

not prove possible. Terms have been arranged with the government of Ontario for the participation of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission with the appropriate federal or state authority in the United States for the power development in the international section of the St. Lawrence, and with respect to the division of costs between power and navigation. You will be asked to enact legislation to provide for an appropriate agency of the federal government to deal with the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway. The proposed agency would be empowered to proceed either with the Canadian share of an international undertaking or a solely Canadian development, as soon as satisfactory international arrangements can be made for the power phases of the project in both countries.

The commission to consider whether the economic and social returns to the Canadian people on the investment in the proposed South Saskatchewan River project would be commensurate with the cost has been appointed and is pursuing its studies.

The government has decided to proceed with the construction of a causeway to bridge the straits of Canso for rail and road traffic as recommended by the board of engineers, and the government of Nova Scotia has agreed to contribute a portion of the cost.

Pursuant to the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Transportation, amendments will be introduced to the Railway Act, the Canadian National-Canadian Pacific Act and the Maritime Freight Rates Act. The amendment to the Railway Act will include the provision recommended by the commission for maintenance by the nation of the link in Northern Ontario between Eastern and Western Canada.

My ministers will submit a bill embodying recommendations for legislation on radio broadcasting and television of the Royal Commission on National Development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences, including provision for the financing of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

You will be asked to consider certain proposed amendments to the Dominion Elections Act.

Bills will be introduced regarding the Agricultural Products Board, Canada Land Surveys, and the United Kingdom Financial Agreement.

Amendments will be submitted to the legislation respecting the National Gallery of Canada, the Government Annuities Act, the Public Works Act, the Civil Service Act and the Public Printing and Stationery Act.

Members of the House of Commons:

The government will recommend the immediate establishment of the Committee on Public Accounts, and will ask you to refer for its consideration the bill respecting Financial Administration which will be introduced without delay.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

May Divine Providence bless your deliberations.

The House of Commons withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

Prayers.

### RAILWAY BILL

#### FIRST READING

**Hon. Mr. Hugessen** presented Bill A, an Act relating to railways.

The bill was read the first time.

### SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

#### MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

**Hon. Mr. Hugessen** moved that the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

The motion was agreed to.

### COMMITTEE ON ORDERS AND PRIVILEGES

#### MOTION OF APPOINTMENT

**Hon. Mr. Hugessen** moved:

That all senators present during the 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.

The motion was agreed to.

### COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

#### MOTION OF APPOINTMENT

**Hon. Mr. Hugessen:** Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate I would move:

That pursuant to Rule 77 the following senators, to wit: Honourable Senators Aseltine, Beaubien, Gouin, Haig, McDonald, Robertson, Taylor and the mover, 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.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, October 16, at 8 p.m.