

The Honourable the Speaker of the Commons then addressed His Excellency the Governor General, as follows:—

“MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

“In the name of the Commons, I present to Your Excellency the following Bill:—

“An Act for granting to His Majesty aid for National Defence and Security.”

After the Clerk had read the title of this Bill.

To this Bill the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of the Senate in the following words:—

“In His Majesty’s name, His Excellency the Governor General thanks His Loyal Subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill.”

After which His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to close the fifth Session of the Eighteenth Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, with the following Speech:—

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

I thank you in the name of His Majesty the King for the manner in which you have responded to the demands of this critical time. In enacting measures necessary for the defence of Canada you have performed a primary national obligation. In providing voluntarily for effective co-operation by Canada at the side of Britain and France in a war to resist aggression, you have made a momentous decision. The promptness with which you have acted affords unmistakable evidence of the ability of a free people, through its representatives in a free Parliament, to meet the grave emergencies of war.

*Members of the House of Commons:*

I thank you for the appropriation you have made to meet the needs arising from the state of war.

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

The people of Canada will, I know, face the future with calm and resolute courage. The days of stress and strain, which lie ahead, cannot fail to prove a supreme test of national determination and endurance.

In bringing this special war session to its close, I pray that an all-wise Providence may guard and guide this land, united in an effort to do what lies within its power to help defend and preserve the liberties of mankind.

The Honourable the SPEAKER OF THE SENATE then said:—

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

It is His Excellency the Governor General’s will and pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued until Monday, the twenty-third day of October, next, to be here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Monday, the twenty-third day of October, next.