HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, January 8, 1957

The house met at eleven o'clock.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ADDRESS IN REPLY

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received a message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by his own hand, reading as follows:

Government House, Ottawa 7th January, 1957

Members of the House of Commons:

I have received with great pleasure the address that you have voted in reply to my speech at the opening of parliament. I thank you sincerely for this address.

Vincent Massey.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received the following communication:

Ottawa, January 8, 1957

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Patrick Kerwin, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate chamber at 11.00 a.m. today, the 8th January, 1957, for the purpose of proroguing the special session of the twenty-second parliament.

I have the honour to be,

sir,

Your obedient servant, J. F. Delaute, Secretary to the Governor General (Administrative).

VACANCY

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the house that I have received a communication notifying me of a vacancy which has occurred in the representation, as follows:

Of Hon. George A. Drew, member for the electoral district of Carleton, by resignation.

Accordingly, I addressed my warrant to the chief electoral officer for the issue of a new writ of election for the said electoral district.

PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT

A message was delivered by Major C. R. Lamoureux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable house in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the house went up to the Senate chamber.

The Deputy Governor General was pleased to close the fourth (special) session of the twenty-second parliament of Canada with the following speech:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

Developments in the international situation were fortunately such that it was not necessary to resume the session which I now bring to a close.

Members of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the provision you have made for the purposes of Canada's participation in the United Nations emergency force in fulfilment of our country's obligations to the United Nations Organization under the charter and for relief for the victims of the recent tragic events in Hungary.

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

May Providence continue to bless and protect this nation.

This concluded the fourth (special) session of the twenty-second parliament.