

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

In inviting your careful consideration of the important matters which will engage your attention, I pray that Divine Providence may guide and bless your deliberations.

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION

Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister) presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor General:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an approved minute of council appointing the Honourable Edmond Baird Ryckman, Minister of National Revenue, the Honourable Alfred Duranleau, Minister of Marine, the Honourable Thomas Gerow Murphy, Minister of the Interior and Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, and the Honourable Edgar Nelson Rhodes, Minister of Fisheries, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as Commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of chapter 145 of the revised statutes of Canada, 1927, intitled An Act respecting the House of Commons.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

PRECEDENCE OF GOVERNMENT MOTIONS AND ORDERS

Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister) moved:

That on and after this day, the 8th of September, and all subsequent Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, until the end of the session, government notices of motions and government orders shall have precedence over all other business except questions and notices of motions for the production of papers.

Some hon. MEMBERS: Explain.

Mr. BENNETT: I apprehend it is unnecessary to do more than say that this will have the effect of giving government business precedence over private members' motions, and I assume, having regard to the fact that the house is called for a specific purpose that there will be no objection on the part of my right hon. friend (Mr. Mackenzie King), and those associated with him, to this action being taken.

Right Hon. W. L. MACKENZIE KING (Leader of the Opposition): So long as it is understood that this will not be considered a precedent for waiving notices.

Motion agreed to.

SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN STANDING ORDERS DURING THE PRESENT SESSION

Hon. R. B. BENNETT (Prime Minister) moved:

That standing orders 63, 80, 84, 94 and 122 be suspended during the present session.

He said: These orders relate to the appointment of committees, the laying of reports on the table, the distribution of lists of documents, and the standing orders respecting the publication of the rules of the library of parliament. Under similar circumstances it has been customary to move the suspension of these rules.

Motion agreed to.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH

ADDRESS IN REPLY MOVED BY MR. TURNBULL AND
SECONDED BY MR. GAGNON

The house proceeded to the consideration of the speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor General at the opening of the session.

Mr. F. W. TURNBULL (Regina) moved:

That an address be forwarded to His Excellency the Governor General to thank him for the speech which he so graciously delivered to both houses of parliament.

He said: Mr. Speaker, my remarks on the present occasion necessarily will be brief, but before proceeding to the discussion of the motion which I propose I wish to be the first to congratulate you, sir, upon your elevation to the high office of the speakership, which places you in charge of the deliberations of this assembly, a position for which your long service in parliament and your good judgment have very well fitted you. May I say that your appointment reflects credit upon yourself as well as upon the good judgment of parliament, and I trust that you may be long spared to preside over the deliberations of the House of Commons of Canada.

I wish also to thank the Prime Minister (Mr. Bennett) and his colleagues for the honour they have done my constituency and myself in selecting me for my present honourable duty. My sense of duty and responsibility on this occasion is increased because of the fact that this new parliament has been specially called at this early date to deal with serious problems arising out of the economic conditions existing in this Dominion.

Realizing as I do that service is a privilege as well as a responsibility, I wish also to congratulate the Prime Minister and his colleagues upon their having been entrusted with the duty of presiding over the affairs of this country, and the further duty of re-establishing confidence in the government among the people of our country. Once again, as in days gone by, the people have turned in their hour of trial and difficulty to the Conservative party, in the firm belief that the policies of that party will bring order out of chaos and