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Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The United Kingdom having become engaged in war with Germany, you have been summoned at the earliest moment in order that the Government may seek authority for the measures necessary for the defence of Canada and for co-operation in the effort to resist aggression. Already the Militia, the Naval such service and the Air Force have been placed on active disputations service, and certain other provisions have been made for the defence of our coasts and our internal security under the authority of the War Measures

Act and other existing authority. Proposals for further effective action by Canada will be laid before

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

you without delay.

You will be asked to consider estimates to provide for expenditure which has been or may be caused by the national emergency.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You are aware of the extreme gravity of this hour in the history of our land. The people of Canada are facing it with the same fortitude that today supports the peoples of other lands with whom they are united under the Crown and with whom they are resolved to defend the liberties and institutions which are their common heritage.

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