and security is of vital importance to Canada, and, indeed, to the future well-being of mankind; and that it is in the interests of Canada that Canada should become a member of such an organization;

(3) that this House approves the purposes and principles set forth in the proposals of the four Governments, and considers that these proposals constitute a satisfactory general basis for a discussion of the Charter of the proposed international organization:

(4) that this House agrees that the representatives of Canada at the conference should use their best endeavours to further the preparation of an acceptable charter for an international organization for the maintenance of international peace and security;

(5) that the charter establishing the international organization should, before ratification, be submitted to Parliament for approval.

After Debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion; it was agreed to.

Mr. Johnston (London) seconded by Mr. Lapointe (Matapedia-Matane) moved:—

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada:—

To His Excellency Major-General the Right Honourable the Earl of Athlone, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, Grand Master of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Knight Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, Companion of the Distinguished Service Order, one of His Majesty's Personal Aides-de-Camp, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of the Dominion of Canada.

## MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the House of Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

And a Debate arising thereon, the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. Lapointe (Matapedia-Matane), adjourned.

Mr. Mackenzie King, a Member of the King's Privy Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Secretary of State for External Affairs for the year ended December 31, 1944. (English and French editions.)

Also,—Copies of Orders in Council passed under the provisions of the Public Service Re-arrangement and Transfer of Duties Act, The Department of Reconstruction Act, 1944, the War Measures Act, The Returned Soldiers' Insurance Act, The Veterans Insurance Act, The Department of Veterans Affairs Act, as follows:—

Order in Council P.C. 7995, approved October 13, 1944: transferring to the Minister of Reconstruction certain functions of the Minister of Munitions and Supply with respect to the disposal and allocation of war materials, etc.; also certain functions of the Minister of Trade and Commerce with regard to the National Research Council; and also certain functions of the Minister of Transport with respect to civil aviation.