

## PRAYERS.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that he had received a communication from the Secretary to the Governor General, as follows:—

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY, CANADA

OTTAWA, 24th August, 1950.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will arrive at the main entrance of the Houses of Parliament at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29th, and when it has been signified that all is in readiness, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the Special Session of the Twenty-first Parliament of Canada, which has been called for that date.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. F. G. LETSON,

*Secretary to the Governor General.*

The Honourable  
The Speaker of the Senate,  
Ottawa.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After a while, His Excellency the Governor General having come, and being seated on the Throne,—

The Honourable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that,—

It is His Excellency the Governor General's pleasure that they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber.

The House of Commons being come,

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to open the Session by a Gracious Speech to both Houses, as follows:—

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

You were summoned to meet somewhat earlier than was anticipated because of the disruption of railway transportation facilities resulting from the dispute between the railways and the unions representing the non-operating employees of the railways. A measure to deal with this situation will be introduced at once.

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You will also be asked to give urgent consideration to the measures for increased national security and international co-operation required by the fighting in Korea and the increasingly grave international situation which that struggle reflects. That was the original reason for summoning you for this Special Session.

*Members of the House of Commons:*

You will be asked to approve additional appropriations for national defence and the meeting of our obligations under the United Nations Charter and the North Atlantic Treaty.

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

May Divine Providence continue to protect this nation, and to guide the Parliament of Canada in all its deliberations.

The Commons withdrew.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The Senate was resumed.

The Honourable Senator Hugessen, for the Honourable Senator Robertson, presented to the Senate a Bill intituled: "An Act relating to Railways."

The said Bill was read the first time.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that a copy of the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General had been left in his hands.

The same was read by The Honourable the Speaker.

On motion it was—

Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be taken into consideration to-morrow.

With leave of the Senate, and—

On motion of the Honourable Senator Hugessen, for the Honourable Senator Robertson, it was—

Ordered, That all the Senators present during the Session be appointed a Committee to consider the Orders and Customs of the Senate and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said Committee have leave to meet in the Senate Chamber when and as often as they please.