

PRAYERS.

The Honourable the Speaker informed the Senate that a communication had been received from the Secretary to the Governor General.

The said communication was then read by the Honourable the Speaker, as follows:—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
OTTAWA

November 20th, 1956.

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 2.30 p.m., on Monday, the 26th of November, 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-second Parliament of Canada, which has been called for that date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

LIONEL MASSEY,

Secretary to the Governor General.

The Honourable
The Speaker of the Senate,
Ottawa.

Ordered, That the said communication do lie on the Table.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure to meet at the call of the bell at two fifteen o'clock this afternoon.

The Senate resumed.

2:15 p.m.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

After a while, His Excellency the Governor General having come, and being seated upon 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 then 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 have been summoned at this time because of the serious international situation arising out of hostilities in the Middle East and the events in Hungary.

Members of the House of Commons:

You will be asked to provide expressly that the provision for defence expenditures in the Appropriation Act No. 6, 1956, be used for the purposes of Canada's participation in the United Nations Emergency Force for the Middle East in fulfilment of our country's obligations to the United Nations Organization under the Charter. You will also be requested to authorize the provision of relief for the victims of the recent tragic events in Hungary.

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 resumed.

The Honourable Senator Hugessen, for the Honourable Senator Macdonald, P.C., 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 said Speech was read by the Honourable the Speaker.

With leave of the Senate, and—

On motion of the Honourable Senator Hugessen, for the Honourable Senator Macdonald, P.C., seconded by the Honourable Senator Euler, P.C., it was—

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