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SUBJECT: Sudan Parliament Prorogued Until March 1, 1954

The first real business session of the new Sudan Parliament met on January 18, 1954 and after an hour and a half the House of Representatives passed a few measures and adjourned until March 1, 1954. The Leader of the House explained the Government's request to the Governor General for prorogation by pointing out that a large body of provisional orders must be studied before parliament approved or rejected them, the Ministers needed time to familiarize themselves with their Ministries, and the Government needed time to formulate its program which would be presented on March 1, 1954. The House of Representatives confirmed M. F. A. Keene as first Clerk of the House and approved the appointment of committees necessary to start the workings of parliament. An exchange on the Prime Ministers' attitude toward unity with Egypt took place, but in the main this first business session of the lower House, which the reporting officer observed, was characterized by seriousness of purpose on the part of the members and a spirit of conviviality between the opposing sides.

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