

*Election of Speaker*

the opportunity to be sworn in until five to nine today because the writ was not available. I did not pursue the issue since I was not eligible. Now that I am eligible to stand, I would ask the permission of the House to allow me to withdraw.

[*Translation*]

**The Presiding Officer (Mr. Prud'homme):** I thank the Hon. Member but, according to the Standing Orders, the list cannot be changed before the first ballot. However the House has heard the request of the Hon. Member and will certainly respect his wish.

The Hon. Member for Burnaby—Kingsway (Mr. Robinson).

[*English*]

**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway):** I did submit pursuant to the Standing Order a request that my name not be considered for Speaker, despite the vigorous encouragement of my Leader that I do stand.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**The Presiding Officer (Mr. Prud'homme):** I repeat, the Clerk has accepted only replies signed by Members and received by six o'clock last night. Although the list cannot be amended before the first ballot, I am sure the House has heard the Member's remarks and will no doubt respect the Member's wishes.

**Mr. George Baker (Gander—Grand Falls):** I too wrote to the Clerk asking that my name be removed, but apparently it got lost in the mail.

**The Presiding Officer (Mr. Prud'homme):** I need not repeat what I just said. I am sure that the House will respect the Member's wishes, but his name will still appear.

**Mr. Lyle D. MacWilliam (Okanagan—Shuswap):** Due to the fact of my late swearing in I was also unavailable to have my name stricken from the ballot. I wish to have that done at this time.

**The Presiding Officer (Mr. Prud'homme):** The same will apply. Members will realize that we cannot withdraw any names before the first ballot. I am sure the House will respect the Member's wishes.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Gilles Loiselle (Langelier):** Eventually, Sir, I should like to withdraw my candidacy.

**The Presiding Officer (Mr. Prud'homme):** Well, eventually means after the first ballot, but for the time

being the name of the Hon. Member will remain on the ballot paper.

Order, please. The Hon. Members eligible to be Speaker in accordance with the Standing Orders at six o'clock Sunday in alphabetical order, were: George S. Baker, John Bosley, John A. Fraser, Dan Heap, Jean-Pierre Hogue, Alex Kindy, Gilles Loiselle, Lyle Dean MacWilliam, Arnold Malone, Svend J. Robinson, Raymond Skelly, Maurice Tremblay.

In accordance with the Standing Orders, an alphabetical list of names of all Members who notified the Clerk of the House in writing that they did not wish to have their names stand for candidacy, together with a list of names of those Members who are not eligible, has been placed on each Member's desk.

[*English*]

For the benefit of Hon. Members, a list of names of those Members who are eligible to be considered for election to the office of Speaker has also been placed on each Member's desk. These lists are also available at the Table.

[*Translation*]

I also point out that an alphabetical list of the Members eligible to be considered for election to the office of Speaker has been posted in each voting station. After the Clerk has unsealed the ballots, I will suggest to the House a procedure that will make voting easier.

[*English*]

After the Clerk has unsealed the ballots I will suggest a method of proceeding which will help accelerate the voting process.

[*Translation*]

**The Presiding Officer (Mr. Prud'homme):** Order, please. As we are about to begin voting, I take this opportunity to remind Hon. Members to print the first and last names of their candidate on the ballot.

I would now ask Hon. Members who wish to cast ballots to leave their desks through the curtains and to come to the Table using the entrances on either side of the Chair appropriate to the side of the House on which they sit. The clerk will issue them a ballot.

[*English*]

Upon casting their ballot, will all Hon. Members please leave the voting area in order to avoid congestion. Will all Members please proceed behind the curtains.