

Election of Speaker

If any member, whose name I have just read, wishes to withdraw as a candidate on the next ballot, will he please rise in his place and do so?

For the benefit of hon. members a revised alphabetical list of candidates for the next ballot will be placed in each polling station within the next five minutes, at which time voting will commence.

• (1555)

Order, please. While the Clerk is unsealing the ballots may I once again indicate that this ballot will be of a different colour and that lists of names of candidates on the ballot have been placed in each polling station.

[Translation]

The polling booths are now open.

(Members were issued ballots and marked their ballots in secret at voting stations.)

• (1620)

[English]

If there are any hon. members who have not voted and wish to do so, will they please vote now?

[Translation]

All members having voted, I do now instruct the Clerk to proceed with the counting of the ballots after I have cast my ballot.

[English]

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

The Presiding Officer (Mr. Hopkins): Order. Before I suspend the sitting may I bring to the attention of hon. members that when the counting of the ballots has been completed, the bells to call the members back to the House will be sounded for not more than five minutes. The sitting is suspended to the call of the Chair.

(The sitting of the House was suspended at 4.21 p.m.)

SITTING RESUMED

The House resumed at 4.49 p.m.

The Presiding Officer (Mr. Hopkins): Order. It is my duty to inform the House that another ballot will be necessary.

Some hon. members: Oh, oh.

The Presiding Officer (Mr. Hopkins): Order, please. I can understand the enthusiasm.

The names of eligible members on the next ballot are as follows:

Gauthier, Jean-Robert

Parent, Gilbert

Will the members standing please take their seats? I have to ask this question.

If any hon. member, whose name I have just read, wishes to withdraw as a candidate on the next ballot, will he please rise in his place and do so?

• (1655)

For the benefit of hon. members, a revised alphabetical list of candidates for the next ballot will be placed in each polling station within the next few minutes, at which time the voting will commence.

While the Clerk is unsealing the ballots may I once again indicate that this ballot will be of a different colour and that lists of names of candidates on this ballot have been placed in each polling station. I will give the Clerk a chance to do his work.

(Members were issued ballots and marked their ballots in secret at voting stations.)

• (1725)

The Presiding Officer (Mr. Hopkins): Order. If there are any hon. members who have not voted and wish to do so, will they please vote now?

All members having voted I do now instruct the Clerk to proceed with the counting of the ballots after I have cast my ballot.

Before I suspend the sitting may I bring to the attention of members that when the counting of the ballots is being completed the bells to call members back to the House will be sounded for not more than five minutes.

[Translation]

SUSPENSION OF SITTING

The Presiding Officer (Mr. Hopkins): The sitting is suspended to the call of the Chair.

(At 5.30 p.m. the sitting of the House was suspended.)

[English]

SITTING RESUMED

The House resumed at 5.52 p.m.

The Clerk of the House having provided the Presiding Officer with the name of the member having received a majority of the votes cast:

The Presiding Officer (Mr. Hopkins): Order, please. I get the distinct impression that if this were to go on much longer, someone might end up shooting the messenger.

Just by way of a word before we leave, I want to thank all members for their gracious attention today. I have to say to all members of the House and to all Canadians out there who have been watching the proceedings today for the election of a Speaker for Canada's 35th Parliament that as far as your presiding officer in the chair is concerned, it has been the longest resume I have ever written for a short-term job.

It is my duty to inform the House that a Speaker of this House has been duly elected.