

CANADA

Debates of the Senate

OFFICIAL REPORT

Tuesday, January 18, 1966

OPENING OF FIRST SESSION  
TWENTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT

Parliament having been summoned by Proclamation to meet this day for the dispatch of business:

The Senate met at 10 a.m.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

READING OF COMMISSION APPOINTING  
HON. SYDNEY J. SMITH

Hon. Sydney J. Smith, having taken the Clerk's chair, rose and said: Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform you that a Commission has been issued under the Great Seal, appointing me Speaker of the Senate.

The said Commission was then read by the Clerk.

The Hon. the Speaker then took the Chair at the foot of the Throne, to which he was conducted by Hon. Cyrille Vaillancourt and Hon. A. J. Brooks, P.C., the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod preceding.

Prayers.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR  
GENERAL'S SECRETARY

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have received the following communication:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Ottawa

January 18, 1966

Sir,

I am commanded to inform you that the Honourable Robert Taschereau, P.C., Chief Justice of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the

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First Session of the Twenty-seventh Parliament of Canada on this day, Tuesday, the 18th January, 1966 at 11.00 a.m.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,

Your obedient servant,  
A. G. Cherrier,  
Assistant Secretary  
to the Governor General.

The Honourable  
The Speaker of the Senate

NEW SENATORS

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform the Senate that the Clerk has received certificates from the Secretary of State of Canada showing that the following persons, respectively, have been summoned to the Senate:

Hon. William Moore Benidickson, P.C.

Hon. Alexander Hamilton McDonald

NEW SENATORS INTRODUCED

The Hon. the Speaker having informed the Senate that there were senators without, waiting to be introduced:

The following honourable senators were introduced; presented Her Majesty's writs of summons, which were read by the Clerk; took the legally prescribed oath, which was administered by the Clerk, and were seated:

Hon. William Moore Benidickson, P.C., of Kenora, Ontario, introduced between Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt and Hon. Mr. Roebuck.

Hon. Alexander Hamilton McDonald, of Regina, Saskatchewan, introduced between Hon. Mr. Vaillancourt and Hon. Mr. Boucher.

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that each of the honourable senators named above had made and subscribed the declaration of qualification required by the British