

## THE SENATE

Tuesday, September 30, 1986

### THIRTY-THIRD PARLIAMENT

#### SECOND SESSION

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

The Senate met at 3 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a communication had been received from the Secretary to the Governor General, as follows:

RIDEAU HALL  
OTTAWA

30 September 1986

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Her Excellency the Governor General will arrive at the Main Entrance of the Parliament Buildings at 2:45 p.m. on Wednesday, the 1st day of October, 1986.

When it has been signified that all is in readiness, Her Excellency will proceed to the Chamber of the Senate to formally open the Second Session of the Thirty-Third Parliament of Canada.

Yours sincerely,  
Léopold H. Amyot  
Secretary to the Governor General

The Honourable  
The Speaker of the Senate  
Ottawa

#### DISTINGUISHED VISITOR IN GALLERY

MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS, REPUBLIC OF  
INDONESIA

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I call your attention to the presence in our gallery of His Excellency Abdul Gafur, Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Republic of Indonesia.

We welcome warmly this high official of a country which is a very good friend of Canada.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(g), I move:

That when the Senate adjourns today, it do stand adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, 1st October, 1986, at eleven thirty o'clock in the forenoon.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is leave granted, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

Senator Doody: Honourable senators, I move that the Senate do now adjourn.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, before the motion is put, I believe we should give the house leader and the deputy leader an opportunity to answer allegations of possible procedural heresy in the way that we are proceeding this week. For example, as I understood it, Parliament was prorogued until October 1. Citation 194 of *Beauchesne's* says—

Hon. Jacques Flynn: We were not prorogued. We had adjourned until September 16.

Senator Frith: What is the difference? Parliament was prorogued after the adjournment.

An Hon. Senator: That's right.

Senator Frith: None of us is surprised that Senator Flynn has overruled the Governor General's prorogation. Citation 194 of *Beauchesne's* says:

The Senate and Commons cannot open a session by their own authority. It is by the act of the Crown alone that they can be assembled, but the Governor General's power is restrained within certain limits. The B.N.A. Act, s. 20, declares that there cannot be an interval of twelve months between two sessions, which is emphasized by the practice of providing money for the Public Service by annual enactments. The Governor General's authority is only theoretical, as Parliament is always summoned on the advice of the Prime Minister. The opening of the