

THE SENATE

Tuesday, October 9, 1979

OPENING OF FIRST SESSION THIRTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT

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

The Senate met at 9.30 a.m.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE READING OF COMMISSION APPOINTING THE HONOURABLE ALLISTER GROSART

The Honourable Allister Grosart, having taken the Clerk's chair, rose and informed the Senate that a Commission had been issued under the Great Seal of Canada, appointing him 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 the Honourable Senator Flynn, P.C., and the Honourable Senator Perrault, P.C., the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod preceding.

Prayers.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR GENERAL'S ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

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

RIDEAU HALL
OTTAWA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE

October 9, 1979

Sir,

I am commanded to inform you that the Honourable Ronald Martland, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the First Session of the Thirty-first Parliament of Canada on this day, Tuesday, the 9th of October 1979, at 10.30 a.m.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,
Edmond Joly de Lotbinière

Administrative Secretary to the Governor General

The Honourable
The Speaker of the Senate,
Ottawa.

GENTLEMAN USHER OF THE BLACK ROD

APPOINTMENT OF LT.-COL. THOMAS G. BOWIE, C.D.

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform the Senate that I have received a certified copy of Order in Council P.C. 1979-2555, dated September 20, 1979, appointing Lt.-Col. Thomas G. Bowie Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

NEW SENATORS

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that the Clerk had received certificates from the Registrar General of Canada showing that the following persons, respectively, had been summoned to the Senate:

Robert Muir
L. Norbert Thériault
Dalia Wood
Fernand-E. Leblanc
Yvette Boucher Rousseau
Hon. Robert R. de Cotret, P.C.
Reginald James Balfour
Lowell Murray
Richard Alphonsus Donahoe
Martha Bielish
Guy Charbonneau
Arthur Tremblay
Hon. C. William Doody
Heath Nelson Macquarrie
Nathan Nurgitz
Cyril B. Sherwood

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; took the legally prescribed oath, which was administered by the Clerk; and were seated:

Hon. Robert Muir, of Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia, introduced between Hon. Jacques Flynn, P.C., and Hon. John M. Macdonald.