

## CANADA

# House of Commons Debates

## OFFICIAL REPORT

Speaker: The Honourable Alan A. Macnaughton

### FIRST SESSION—TWENTY SIXTH PARLIAMENT

The twenty fifth parliament having been dissolved by a proclamation on Wednesday, February 6, and writs having been issued and returned, a new parliament was summoned to meet for the dispatch of business on Thursday, May 16, 1963, and did accordingly meet on that day.

Thursday, May 16, 1963

This being the day on which parliament is convoked by proclamation of His Excellency the Governor General for the dispatch of business, and the members of the house being assembled:

**Leon J. Raymond, Esquire, O.B.E., the Clerk of the House,** read to the house a letter from the assistant secretary to the Governor General informing him that the Honourable J. R. Cartwright, M.C., puisne judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, would proceed to the Senate chamber to open the first session of the twenty sixth parliament of Canada on Thursday, the sixteenth day of May, at 10.30 a.m.

A message was delivered by Major C. R. Lamoureux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Members of the House of Commons:

The Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of honourable members in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, the house went up to the Senate chamber, when the Speaker of the Senate said:

Honourable Members of the Senate,

and Members of the House of Commons:

I have it in command to let you know that the Honourable the Deputy Governor General does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning the present parliament of Canada until the Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen according to law, but this afternoon, at the hour of three o'clock, the administrator of the government of Canada will declare the causes of calling this parliament.

And the house being returned to the Commons chamber:

### ELECTION OF SPEAKER

MR. ALAN A. MACNAUGHTON, MEMBER FOR THE ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT ROYAL

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister):** Mr. Raymond, it is a source of some encouragement to me to feel that the first words I utter from this side of the house may, I believe will, receive more approval, indeed I hope unanimous approval, than some I may be uttering as the session continues. We have just been reminded, in a ceremony that goes to the very roots of our parliamentary history and emphasizes the continuity of that history, that we will not be in a position to receive the speech from the throne, indeed we will not be in a position to take any action—in fact I am not sure that we are constituted as a House of Commons at all—until we choose a Speaker. It is my duty to begin the process of rectifying this omission, and for that purpose it is my privilege to nominate the hon. member for Mount Royal, Mr. Alan Aylesworth Macnaughton.

Mr. Macnaughton was born in Ontario and was educated in Ontario, Quebec and the United Kingdom. He is a Queen's counsel learned in the law, and he has had experience and success in business. He has been a member of the house since 1949 and has made distinguished contributions to the work of parliament during that period.

Perhaps I might be permitted to mention particularly his work during the twenty fourth parliament as chairman of the public accounts committee, when he showed those qualities