

The Address—Mr. Cullen
SITTING RESUMED

INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSION

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister) presented the following message from His Excellency the Governor General:

The Governor General transmits to the House of Commons a certified copy of an Order in Council appointing the Honourable George James McIlraith, Solicitor General, the Honourable Charles Mills Drury, President of the Treasury Board, the Honourable Jean Chrétien, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and the Honourable Donald Stovel Macdonald, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as commissioners for the purposes and under the provisions of the one hundred and forty-third chapter of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952, intitled: An Act respecting the House of Commons.

[Translation]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale), that Mr. Albert Béchar, member for the electoral district of Bonaventure, be appointed deputy chairman of the committees of the whole.

Motion agreed to.

[English]

PROVISION FOR EXTENSION OF SITTING, OCTOBER 24, 1969

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I move:

That, when this House adjourns this day, it shall stand adjourned until 11 o'clock a.m. Friday, October 24, 1969 and that notwithstanding Standing Order 6(3), the House shall not be adjourned in that sitting until the leaders of all parties have spoken in the Address Debate.

Motion agreed to.

SITTING SUSPENDED

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that the sitting be suspended until three o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. Speaker: Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

At 11.46 a.m. the sitting of the House was suspended until 3 p.m.

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The House resumed at 3 p.m.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY, MOVED BY MR. JACK
CULLEN AND SECONDED BY
MR. GILLES MARCEAU

The House proceeded to the consideration of the speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor General at the opening of the session.

Mr. Jack Cullen (Sarnia): Mr. Speaker, I count it a signal honour to have been called upon by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and his associates in the cabinet to move the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. All the constituents of the Sarnia riding, whatever political persuasion, share this honour. I hope, in a vicarious way, my constituents can feel the sense of privilege which is mine today.

On the 8th day of May, 1967, Mr. Speaker, His Excellency the Governor General, in beginning the Speech from the Throne at that time, stated in part as follows:

As my words are being broadcast throughout Canada, I should like to begin on a personal note. I want to say that I am deeply conscious of the possibilities for good for Canada of my new office and duty—that which brings me here today to open the centennial session of parliament.

He continued:

May I renew my pledge at the ceremony of installation, that my sole purpose and effort will be to merit the confidence which has been reposed in me by Her Majesty our Queen, on the advice of her Canadian ministers and by the countless Canadians from every region who have so freely offered their good wishes.

We have every good reason, Mr. Speaker, to be proud of the manner in which His Excellency, the Governor General has performed his duties in that high office.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Cullen: It is fitting and proper that during the moving of the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne we should publicly acknowledge the deep sense of dedication which he has so obviously brought to that position.

In his comments in 1967, the Governor General established a guideline for those of us who serve as members of parliament and I think we should all consider his comment and his dedication to this proposition, namely:

. . . the possibilities for good for Canada of my new office and duty . . .