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my colleagues and I intend to co-operate fully in the future. Please receive our congratulations and the assurance of our full co-operation in the House. We sincerely wish you well.

[English]

At the same time I want to add very briefly at this late hour a few words that have been said about the necessity of maintaining in this House a vigorous debate, the full and frank expression of ideas as you, Sir, have indicated are an integral part of this democratic Chamber. Like others I wish to add another point to this reiteration of the need for vigorous debate by saying that we too need to bring back to the Chamber a higher degree of civility than perhaps was demonstrated from time to time in the past two years. It will no doubt make your job easier, and ultimately make a greater contribution to the democratic process of this country which we all love so deeply if all of us on both sides of this House begin, Sir, with your new responsibilities by exercising greater responsibility ourselves.

I want now to say a couple of words to our friend and colleague, the Hon. Member for Don Valley West (Mr. Bosley). There have been times when we on this side, as on the other side, have not always agreed with the rulings of the Hon. Member for Don Valley West when he was performing his important task as Speaker of this House. But I do say that none of my colleagues, and I am sure none of us on either side of the House, at any time had anything other than the fullest of respect for the principal commitment to the office of the Speaker of the House that the Hon. Member for Don Valley West demonstrated at all times.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Broadbent: I want to conclude by wishing the Hon. Member for Don Valley West well. It will be the last time in this kind of surrounding that we as partisan politicians can do that. He is about to rejoin the real world of politics and we will have other opinions no doubt to express. But tonight—at 2.30 in the morning—on behalf of everyone we wish him well in his future.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Honourable Members—

[Translation]

—I would like to thank the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) for his very kind words—

[English]

—the Right Hon. Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition (Mr. Turner) and the Hon. Member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent), on behalf of his Party which he leads so well in this House.

I think I should first say thank you to the Prime Minister. It was the initiative and the support of the Prime Minister that made sure this new form in which we have engaged tonight took place. While supported by Members of all parts of the House and all Parties I think it is significant that under the direction of the Prime Minister this historic event took place, and took place yesterday and this morning, even if the retiring Speaker chose not to see the clock.

I would like to say also to the Right Hon. Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, not just as a neighbor but as a friend of long standing that I appreciate his kind comments. I know that the electors who have supported me in Vancouver South, some of whom have worked for me in Vancouver South and who live in the riding of the Right Hon. Member will endorse the very kind things that he had to say.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: I also want to thank the Hon. Member for Oshawa for his comments, especially his revelation which indicates to me that there indeed has been reason these many years for the high regard in which I hold him.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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Mr. Speaker read a communication from the Governor General's Secretary announcing that Her Excellency the Governor General of Canada would proceed to the Senate Chamber at three o'clock on Wednesday, October 1, 1986, for the purpose of formally opening the second session of the Thirty-Third Parliament.

Therefore, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at three o'clock p.m. at which time the House will proceed to the Senate where Her Excellency will open the second session of the Thirty-third Parliament.

The House adjourned at 2.30 a.m.