

Election of Speaker

the office of Speaker, has also been placed on each Member's desk. These lists are also available at the Table.

[Translation]

I also point out that the alphabetical list of the names of Members eligible for the speakership has been posted in each voting booth.

[English]

There will be a list in each voting station as well. Since this is the first time we shall be electing a Speaker by secret ballot, this will be a new experience for all of us. The Table Officers will do everything they can to co-operate with Members and ensure that the election is conducted in a smooth and efficient manner.

I have a method of proceeding which I hope will accelerate the voting process which I will tell you about in a moment. At this time I must instruct the Clerk to unseal the ballots.

● (1510)

We are now prepared to begin the voting procedure.

Mr. Blenkarn: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. On September 16, 1986, I notified the Clerk of the House that I did not wish my name to be included on the list of those eligible as candidates. Unfortunately, the Clerk takes the position that I should have personally signed the letter of notification, which is not in accordance with the Standing Orders. The rules merely require notification, something which I undertook in writing. Therefore I ask that my name be removed from Part B of the Schedule.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member will know that under the rules his name is properly on the ballot and that it cannot be taken off at this time. However, the House has heard the Hon. Member's views on this matter.

I would like to remind Hon. Members that the rules require them to print the first and last names of their candidate on the ballot before casting it.

I ask Hon. Members who wish to cast ballots to pursue the following procedure. Hon. Members will leave their desks through the curtains and come to the Table through the entrances on either side of me appropriate to the side of the House on which they sit. The Clerk Assistant will issue to each Member a ballot. Having cast their ballots I ask Hon. Members to please clear the voting area.

The voting will now begin.

[Editor's Note: The list of eligible Members referred to above is as follows:]

Baker, George
Berger, David
Blenkarn, Don
Bradley, Bud
Clinch, Roger
Comeau, Gerald
Cook, Chuck
Cooper, Albert

Copps, Sheila
Crosby, Howard
(Halifax West)
Crouse, Lloyd
Danis, Marcel
Edwards, Jim
Fraser, John
Girard, Albert

Hamelin, Charles
Kindy, Alex
Layton, R.E.J.
Lewis, Douglas
Lopez, Ricardo
Mailly, Claudy
Malépart, Jean-Claude
McCossan, Paul
McLean, Walter
Murta, Jack
Nielsen, Erik
Nowlan, Patrick
Nunziata, John
Paproski, Steven

Parry, John
Penner, Keith
Prud'homme, Marcel
Robichaud, Fernand
Stackhouse, Reg
Tardif, Alain
(Richmond—Wolfe)
Tardif, Monique
(Charlesbourg)
Thacker, Blaine
Toupin, Robert
Tremblay, Maurice
(Lotbinière)

Members were issued ballots, and marked their ballots in secret, at voting stations.

● (1530)

Mr. Speaker: If there are any Hon. Members who have not voted and wish to do so, will they please vote now? For anybody who has not voted and wants to vote, the voting booths will be closing shortly.

Order, please. All Members having voted I do now instruct the Clerk to proceed with the counting of the ballots.

SITTING SUSPENDED

Mr. Speaker: Before I suspend the sitting, which is what I am about to do, may I bring to the attention of Hon. Members that, when the counting of the ballots has been completed, the bells to call the Members back to the House will be sounded for not more than five minutes. Should another ballot be necessary, we will explain it at that time. The sitting is suspended to the ringing of the bells.

At 3.39 p.m. the sitting of the House was suspended.

SITTING RESUMED

The House resumed at 4.30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker: It is my duty to inform the House that a second ballot will be necessary.

The names of those Members who can be considered on the second ballot are as follows:

Berger, David
Clinch, Roger
Cooper, Albert
Copps, Sheila
Danis, Marcel
Edwards, Jim
Fraser, John
Lewis, Douglas

Mailly, Claudy
Nielsen, Erik
Nowlan, Patrick
Paproski, Steven
Parry, John
Prud'homme, Marcel
Stackhouse, Reg
Thacker, Blaine

If any Hon. Member, whose name the Chair has just announced to the House, wishes to withdraw as a candidate on the second ballot, will he or she please rise in his or her place and state his or her reason therefor pursuant to Standing Order 2(5)(h)(ii).