

SENATE DEBATES

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OFFICIAL REPORT

Thursday, October 23, 1969

OPENING OF SECOND SESSION TWENTY-EIGHTH PARLIAMENT

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

The Senate met at 10.30 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

Prayers.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have received the following communication:

GOVERNMENT HOUSE
Ottawa

October 23, 1969

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that His Excellency the Governor General will arrive at the main entrance of the Parliament Buildings at 10.30 a.m. on this day Thursday the 23rd of October, 1969, and when it has been signified that all is in readiness, will proceed to the Chamber of the Senate to open formally the Second Session of the Twenty-eighth Parliament of Canada.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient servant,
Esmond Butler,
Secretary to the
Governor General

The Honourable

The Speaker of the Senate,
Ottawa.

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

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SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

At 10.30 a.m. His Excellency the Governor General proceeded to the Senate chamber and took his seat upon the Throne. His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the House of Commons, and, that House being come, with their Speaker, His Excellency was pleased to open the Second Session of the Twenty-eighth Parliament of Canada with the following speech:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I have the honour to welcome you to the Second Session of the Twenty-eighth Parliament of Canada and to present, on behalf of the Government, various matters which it wishes to lay before you.

Before doing so, may I say that, notwithstanding some unresolved problems which affect our collectivity, and notwithstanding the fears of people of little faith, it was encouraging to find, in the course of recent visits which my wife and I have made to Canadians in all ten provinces and in the Arctic islands, that their sense of identity, and of the potential which Canada offers to them and to their children, is strong and healthy.

I was also pleased to make a goodwill tour of the four Commonwealth countries of the Caribbean: Jamaica, Guyana, Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago. These visits abroad were made on the advice of the Government and with the encouragement of Her Majesty.

May I say, too, that Her Majesty's interest in Canada, and in Canadians and their affairs, will bring the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to Manitoba and to the Northwest Territories in July of next year to join in the celebration of their centennials.

Canada is a fortunate country, blessed by nature and spared by war, but we are not immune from the effects of conflicts in other