

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, January 17, 1994

## FIRST SESSION—35TH PARLIAMENT

[English]

The 34th Parliament having been dissolved by proclamation on Wednesday, September 8, 1993, and writs having been issued and returned, a new Parliament was summoned to meet for the dispatch of business on Monday, January 17, 1994, and did accordingly meet on that day.

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This being the day on which Parliament was convoked by proclamation of His Excellency the Governor General of Canada for the dispatch of business, and the members of the House being assembled:

Robert Marleau, Esquire, Clerk of the House of Commons, read to the House a letter from the Deputy Secretary to the Governor General informing him that the Right Honourable Antonio Lamer, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, would proceed to the Senate chamber to open the first session of the 35th Parliament of Canada on Monday, January 17, 1994, at Ottawa.

A message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod as follows:

Members of the House of Commons:

It is the desire of the Honourable the Deputy to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada that this honourable House attend him immediately in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, the House went up to the Senate chamber, where the Speaker of the Senate said:

Honourable Members of the Senate, Members of the House of Commons:

I have it in command to let you know that His Excellency the Governor General does not see fit to declare the causes of his summoning the present Parliament of Canada until a Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen, according to law; but tomorrow, Tuesday, January 18, 1994 at three o'clock in the afternoon, His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling Parliament.

• (1125)

[Translation]

*And the House being returned to the Commons Chamber:*

**The Clerk of the House:** Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 3, I invite Mr. Hopkins, member for the electoral district of Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke, to take the chair as the member presiding.

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[English]

## ELECTION OF SPEAKER

**The Presiding Officer (Mr. Hopkins):** Before we begin our actual order of the day, I would like to thank representatives from all parties in the House who have worked with us in preparation for this election today. I want to thank the Clerk and the staff of the House for their attention to the many details. I want to express my appreciation to the Sergeant-at-Arms, his staff and the constables of this House of Commons who serve this place so well.

I want to welcome all of the new members to Canada's 35th Parliament and welcome back former members.

[Translation]

Thank you very much, and good luck and good voting.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Standing Orders, the House will now proceed to elect a Speaker.

[English]

The candidates whose names will appear on the first ballot are as follows:

Allmand, Warren	Milliken, Peter
Anawak, Jack	Nunziata, John
Gauthier, Jean-Robert	Parent, Gilbert
Harper, Elijah	Simmons, Roger
McLaughlin, Audrey	Terrana, Anna
McWhinney, Ted	Wood, Bob

**Mr. Nunziata:** Mr. Speaker, first I want to give you my undertaking that I will not heckle you during your tenure in the chair. Second, I would ask that my name be removed from the list as it was inadvertently left on.

**The Presiding Officer (Mr. Hopkins):** I want to thank the hon. member for his comments. However, the deadline for the Clerk to accept a request by a member to withdraw as a candidate was 6 p.m. yesterday evening. Although it is now too late to amend the list before the first ballot, the House has heard and will no doubt take good note of the member's request.

• (1130)

In accordance with the standing orders, the list of members who have withdrawn or who are ineligible as candidates has been placed on each member's desk and is also available at the table.