

*Election of Speaker*

my duty but my privilege, and indeed my pleasure, to nominate the member whom I have just mentioned, the hon. member for Stormont (Mr. Lamoureux).

Those of us who were here in the twenty sixth parliament have known him well for the last three years as Deputy Speaker of this House and Chairman of Committees of the Whole. Mr. Lamoureux was born here in the nation's capital and was educated at the University of Ottawa and Osgoode Hall in Toronto. He is a lawyer whose home and practice were in Cornwall, Ontario. While both born and educated in Ontario, I am sure all hon. members realize and appreciate the fact that he is totally bilingual and indeed bicultural; not only bilingual in his speech but even, I might add, in his thinking.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Pearson:** Mr. Lamoureux was first elected to this house in the general election of 1962. He was re-elected in 1963, and in May, 1963 was appointed Deputy Speaker. He was re-elected again last November. I believe that as Deputy Speaker of the twenty sixth parliament he showed impartiality and objectivity, a sense of proportion, fairness and firmness which impressed all hon. members of the house.

These qualities, I am confident, will make him, if he is chosen, eminently suitable to be the guardian of the rights, privileges and traditions of this honourable house. If he is chosen we will expect of him leadership and guidance, and he will have the right to our co-operation and support. I believe that he has the qualities required for the very exacting and important job of presiding over our deliberations.

Therefore I take great pleasure in moving, seconded by the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Favreau):

That Lucien Lamoureux, member for the electoral district of Stormont, do take the Chair of this house as Speaker.

● (11:30 a.m.)

[Translation]

**Hon. Guy Favreau (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Raymond, it is with pleasure, great pride and deep feelings of friendship that, as a member of this house, I second the motion just put forward by the right hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Pearson) to have the member for Stormont (Mr. Lamoureux) appointed Speaker and preside over our discussions.

[Mr. Pearson.]

It is always an exciting occasion when representatives of the people from each of the 265 constituencies of our great and beloved country meet, for all practical purposes, to form an active and eager House of Commons.

Of course, it is commonplace to refer to the heavy responsibilities of the Speaker. But it bears repeating over and over again at the beginning of a new parliament, for he is the one who will preside over our discussions and whose difficult and delicate task it will be to rule upon the points of order raised by the various parties. It will be his duty, and not an easy one either, I know, to maintain order in the house and to lay down the required rules.

As mentioned earlier by the Prime Minister, thanks to him we shall be spared in the future such rebuffs as have just been suffered by members of the house when they attempted unsuccessfully to make themselves heard by the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General but were not yet represented.

I shall say only a few words about the Speaker's qualifications. They are many, but I feel the two main ones are fairness and objectivity. Fairness must not be affected by any contingency, whether it be friendship, ambition or fear. Objectivity must proceed from a sound judgment enlightened by a thorough knowledge of the standing orders of the house.

Mr. Lamoureux possesses those qualifications to a very high degree and that is why I am proud to second once again the motion of the Prime Minister for his nomination as Speaker of this house.

[English]

**Right Hon. J. G. Diefenbaker (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Raymond, there have been occasions when the Prime Minister and I have not been in complete agreement. There have been other occasions when we have had varying degrees of assent. But this is one occasion when he will have achieved a majority, I might add an overwhelming one, in the nomination that he has placed before the house.

Mr. Lamoureux, of course, in his three years as Deputy Speaker has discharged his responsibilities with tact, with wisdom, with humour, and above all with a sense of impartiality to which I am very happy to pay my tribute. Indeed, the manner in which Mr. Lamoureux conducted himself leads me to look forward with hope, an assured hope, that the rights and privileges of parliament will be upheld, without which this institution