

the hour of 10.45 o'clock His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling Parliament.

The House of Commons withdrew.

The Right Honourable the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY

**The Hon. the Speaker** informed the Senate that a communication had been received from the Secretary to the Governor General, as follows:

RIDEAU HALL  
OTTAWA  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE

April 14, 1980

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 10.45 a.m. on this day, Monday, the 14th of April 1980, and when it has been signified that all is in readiness, will proceed to the Chamber of the Senate to open formally the First Session of the Thirty-second 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 until 10.30 a.m.

#### SECOND SITTING

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

**The Hon. the Speaker:** As there is no business before the Senate, is it your pleasure, honourable senators, that the Senate do now adjourn during pleasure to await the arrival of His Excellency the Governor General?

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

[The Hon. the Speaker.]

At 10.45 a.m. His Excellency the Governor General having come and being seated upon the Throne—

**The Hon. the Speaker** said:

Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod,

You will proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that it is the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor General that they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber.

The House of Commons being come,

**Their Speaker, the Hon. Jeanne Sauv ,** said:

May it please Your Excellency,

The House of Commons has elected me their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me, and not to the Commons, whose servant I am, and who, through me, the better to enable them to discharge their duty to their Queen and Country, humbly claim all their undoubted rights and privileges, especially that they may have freedom of speech in their debates, access to Your Excellency's person at all reasonable times, and that their proceedings may receive from Your Excellency the most favourable construction.

**The Hon. the Speaker of the Senate** answered:

Madam Speaker, I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General to declare to you that he freely confides in the duty and attachment of the House of Commons to Her Majesty's Person and Government, and not doubting that their proceedings will be conducted with wisdom, temper and prudence, he grants, and upon all occasions will recognize and allow, their constitutional privileges. I am commanded also to assure you that the Commons shall have ready access to His Excellency upon all reasonable occasions and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favourable construction.

#### SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

His Excellency the Governor General was then pleased to open the First Session of the Thirty-second Parliament with the following Speech:

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

I have the honour to welcome you to the First Session of the 32nd Parliament of Canada.

During the course of the last few weeks, both my wife and I have come through a period of convalescence and I take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude for the good wishes we received from fellow-Canadians from all parts of the country.