

THE SENATE

Monday, January 17, 1994

THIRTY-FIFTH PARLIAMENT OPENING OF FIRST SESSION

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

The Senate met at 10:30 a.m.

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

READING OF COMMISSION APPOINTING HONOURABLE ROMÉO LEBLANC

The Honourable Roméo LeBlanc, having taken the Clerk's chair, rose and informed the Senate that a Commission had been issued under the Great Seal of Canada, appointing him Speaker of the Senate.

The said Commission was then read by the Clerk.

The Hon. the Speaker then took the Chair at the foot of the Throne, to which he was conducted by the Honourable Joyce Fairbairn, P.C., and the Honourable John Lynch-Staunton, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod preceding.

Prayers.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNMENT HOUSE

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform you that I have received the following communication from Government House which reads as follows:

RIDEAU HALL

January 10, 1994

Sir,

I am commanded to inform you that the Right Honourable Antonio Lamer, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber to open the First Session of the Thirty-fifth Parliament of Canada on Monday, the 17th day of January, 1994 at 11:00 a.m.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Anthony P. Smyth
*Deputy Secretary
Policy, Program and Protocol*

The Honourable
The Speaker of the Senate
Ottawa

The Senate adjourned during pleasure

At 10:55 a.m. the sitting was resumed, and was then adjourned, pending the arrival of the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General.

The Right Honourable Antonio Lamer, Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General, having come and being seated,

The Hon. the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that it is the desire of the Honourable the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General that they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber.

Who being come,

The Hon. the Speaker 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 the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling this Parliament.

The House of Commons withdrew.

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

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

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The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform the Senate that I have received a communication from Government House which reads as follows: