

That the following address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General of Canada:

To His Excellency the Right Honourable (name of Governor General and title):

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's most loyal and dutiful subjects, the Senate of Canada, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our humble thanks to Your Excellency for the gracious Speech which Your Excellency has addressed to both Houses of Parliament.

The mover of the motion for an Address in Reply then speaks in support of his motion, and he is followed immediately by the seconder. It is then customary for the Leader of the Opposition to move the adjournment of the debate and to speak at the next sitting of the Senate. He is usually followed by the Leader of the Government, although not necessarily on the same day.

The debate on the motion for an Address in Reply may be continued from day to day for some time, for there is no provision in the Rules of the Senate limiting the debate. The Senate may, however, adopt a motion limiting the debate. This motion, usually moved by the Deputy Leader of the Government, is as follows:

That the proceedings on the order of the day for resuming the debate on the motion for an Address in Reply to His Excellency the Governor General's Speech from the Throne addressed to both Houses of Parliament be concluded on the eighth sitting day on which the order is debated.

When the motion for an Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne is adopted, the Leader of the Government moves:

That the Address be engrossed and presented to His Excellency the Governor General by the Honourable the Speaker.

A similar motion is adopted by the House of Commons, following which the Speakers of both Houses, after consultation, attend at Government House at an appropriate time and date to present personally the Address to His Excellency.

COMMITTEES

When the report of the Committee of Selection nominating senators to serve on the several select committees has been adopted by the Senate, Messages are sent to the House of Commons to inform that House that certain senators have been appointed to serve on the standing joint committees.

Special Joint Committees

A senator may move that a special joint committee be appointed. If the House of Commons unites in the appointment of such a committee, the Senate is so informed by Message from that House. If the special joint committee is initiated in the House of Commons, the Senate, if in agreement, sends a Message to the House of Commons indicating that it agrees to the appointment of the joint committee.

See Journals of the Senate, 1977-78, p. 544.

The Committee of Selection nominates the senators to serve on the special joint committee and reports the names of the senators so nominated to the