

On behalf of my colleagues, as I say the free spirits, we pledge our support to you and this House to make this place work as positively as possible.

The Speaker: This House is always in need of free spirits.

Hon. Charles Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, in congratulating you and wishing you well, may I seek your assurance that you will do your utmost in introducing electronic voting in this House so as to bring this House up to speed with modern times and technology.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

The Speaker: The hon. member will know that I got here by not promising anything.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke): Mr. Speaker, everybody has heard enough from me so far today but I would like to congratulate you first of all and wish you well.

To all of the candidates go our very best wishes and our sincere thanks for the seriousness which they showed toward this great institution of our country. I want to thank each one of them for their deep interest.

I particularly want to thank the members of this House for their conduct throughout the day and for the friendliness that

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was shown here today. I sensed a very good rapport within this House and I hope that will continue as we debate the issues in good spirit. I wish all the new members all the best in their careers and good wishes to those who have returned.

In you, Mr. Speaker, the integrity of this House rests to a large degree but it also rests with each and every one of us on the floor of this House. The Speaker cannot do it all by himself. We need the co-operation of all members to do it so we have to conduct ourselves in a decent fashion in this place.

If we do that there is no question in my mind, Mr. Speaker, but that you will carry the rest of the load.

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The Speaker read a communication from the Secretary to the Governor General announcing that His Excellency the Governor General of Canada would proceed to the Senate chamber for the purpose of opening the first session of the 35th Parliament.

The Speaker: Well, this has been some day.

My colleagues, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 3 p.m. at which time the House will proceed to the Senate where His Excellency will open the first session of the 35th Parliament.

(The House adjourned at 6.18 p.m.)