

The Address—Mr. Harquail

[Translation]

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF
COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by Mr. MacEachen (Cape Breton-Highlands-Canso):

That Mr. Denis Ethier, member for the riding of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell, be appointed Assistant Deputy Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

Motion agreed to.

[English]

PROVISIONAL STANDING ORDERS OF FIRST SESSION OF
PRESENT PARLIAMENT TO APPLY TO SECOND SESSION

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the President of the Privy Council (Mr. MacEachen):

That the provisional Standing Orders, in effect at the prorogation of the first session of the present parliament, be in effect during the present session until otherwise ordered by the House.

Motion agreed to.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONEADDRESS IN REPLY, MOVED BY MR. MAURICE HARQUAIL AND
SECONDED BY MR. CLAUDE-ANDRÉ LACHANCE

The House proceeded to the consideration of the speech delivered by His Excellency the Governor General at the opening of the session.

Mr. Maurice Harquail (Restigouche): First of all, Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to extend the sincere thanks of this House to His Excellency the Governor General and to Her Excellency Madam Léger who demonstrated courage and skill in being the voice of her husband this afternoon in the other place, a task which she performed so well, thus becoming an example to all Canadian women.

I should like to congratulate you, sir, on returning as our Speaker in this new session. I am confident that members from all four corners of this chamber join me in expressing to you our best wishes for continued success during this coming session.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, I am happy that the right hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) and his cabinet have asked me to move the motion to adopt the Speech from the Throne. I should like to speak not only of the importance of this speech but more particularly of the benefits which all Canadians will derive from it.

[English]

I wish to take a moment to express the gratitude of the citizens of my beautiful riding of Restigouche to the Prime

[Mr. Trudeau.]

Minister (Mr. Trudeau) for his kind invitation to me to move the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. I was honoured that not only the Prime Minister but several cabinet ministers as well visited my riding, one of the most beautiful ridings in Canada.

An hon. Member: Are you in trouble?

Mr. Harquail: I thank the Prime Minister for his kind invitation to me to move the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. It is a singular honour and privilege which I am proud to accept on behalf of my constituents.

Mr. Paproski: Good luck in the next federal election.

Mr. Harquail: I am sure that all members of the House join me in expressing our warm wishes to our new House leader, the hon. member for Cape Breton Highlands-Canso (Mr. MacEachen), for a successful session. He has had a distinguished career, especially during his previous tenure as House leader, and we are confident that he will once again lead us effectively in passing new legislation which this government feels is vital to the success and future of this great country.

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Permit me now, sir, to say a few words about the Minister of Fisheries and the Environment (Mr. LeBlanc), the minister who represents New Brunswick in the cabinet. Not only is he a hard working minister, but it is apparent that he has gained the respect of everyone with whom he has worked.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Harquail: I have grown to appreciate and admire his sincere and effective approach to his responsibilities.

I want to take this occasion to congratulate those colleagues of mine who have recently been promoted from the back bench into the cabinet. These young men and women have already shown their various abilities in the short time that they have been in these responsible positions, and I know that all members here will join me in wishing them well in the days ahead.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Harquail: As well, let me add my best wishes to those of my colleagues who have recently been promoted as parliamentary secretaries.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Harquail: I wish to take a moment of the time of the House to express our sadness at the passing of our colleague, Madam Albanie Morin, the member for Louis-Hébert. On behalf of all members of the House, I express our heartfelt sympathy to the members of her family.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I should like to express the trust and confidence which we feel in our dynamic leader, our Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), a man who has led us successfully through several elections, who has led the country through