

## RIDEAU HALL

OTTAWA  
GOVERNMENT HOUSE

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Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Her Excellency the Governor General will arrive at the Main Entrance of the Parliament Buildings at 2.45 p.m. on this day, Monday, the 5th day of November, 1984.

When it has been signified that all is in readiness, Her Excellency will proceed to the Chamber of the Senate to open formally the First Session of the Thirty-Third 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 2.30 p.m.

## SECOND SITTING

The Senate met at 2.30 p.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 Her Excellency the Governor General?

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

At 2.45 p.m., Her 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 Her Excellency the Governor General that they attend her immediately in the Senate Chamber.

The House of Commons being come,

**Their Speaker, the Hon. John Bosley**, 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:

Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by Her Excellency the Governor General to declare to you that she 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, she 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 Her Excellency upon all reasonable occasions and that their proceedings, as well as your words and actions, will constantly receive from her the most favourable construction.

## SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Her Excellency the Governor General was then pleased to open the First Session of the Thirty-third Parliament with the following speech:

*Honourable Members of the Senate,**Members of the House of Commons:*

It is with great pride and pleasure that I welcome you, in my capacity as the Canadian representative of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, to this, the First Session of the thirty-third Parliament of Canada.

Canadians rejoiced this year in the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip to the bicentennial celebrations in New Brunswick and Ontario, and to several communities in Manitoba. For Canadians the Monarchy is a precious link to the centuries of history and tradition that form our parliamentary democracy. The Crown symbolizes our democratic values, and helps safeguard the freedom and liberty that are the foundation of our system. The Queen as Head of the Commonwealth personifies the common bond of that association of nations and its ideals. An example to all who would serve, hers is a life consecrated to service.

Earlier this fall Canadians from coast to coast had the unique privilege of greeting His Holiness Pope John Paul II. The welcome accorded His Holiness expressed our respect and esteem. It also reflected the spirit of fraternity and generosity that exists in a Canadian society of diverse races and creeds. Pope John Paul's visit has helped Canadians to see anew that the enhancement of justice and peace can be a reality at home, and must be our vocation in the world. For this, and for his moral and spiritual leadership, Canadians express their heartfelt appreciation.