

THE SENATE

Monday, December 12, 1988

THIRTY-FOURTH PARLIAMENT

OPENING OF FIRST SESSION

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

The Senate met at 9 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.
Prayers.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR GENERAL'S DEPUTY SECRETARY, OPERATIONS

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a communication had been received from the Deputy Secretary, Operations, to the Governor General, as follows:

RIDEAU HALL

December 7, 1988

Sir,

I am commanded to inform you that the Right Honourable Brian Dickson, 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-Fourth Parliament of Canada on Monday, the twelfth of December 1988 at 9:00 a.m.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
Jean M. Sévigny
Deputy Secretary, Operations

The Honourable
The Speaker of the Senate
Ottawa

The Senate adjourned during pleasure to await the arrival of the Deputy of Her Excellency the Governor General.

The Right Honourable Brian Dickson, Chief Justice of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, having come and being seated at the foot of the Throne,

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 Right Honourable the Deputy of Her Excellency the Governor General that they attend him immediately in the Senate Chamber.

● (0920)

The House of Commons 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 Her Excellency the Governor General does not see fit to declare the causes of her summoning the present Parliament of Canada until a Speaker of the House of Commons shall have been chosen according to law; but this afternoon at the hour of four o'clock Her Excellency will declare the causes of her calling Parliament.

The House of Commons withdrew.

The Right Honourable the Deputy Governor General was pleased to retire.

The sitting of the Senate was resumed.

COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SECRETARY

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that a communication had been received from the Secretary to the Governor General, as follows:

RIDEAU HALL
OTTAWA

December 7, 1988

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that Her Excellency the Governor General will arrive at the Speaker's Entrance of the Senate at 3:50 p.m. on Monday, the 12th day of December, 1988.

When it has been indicated that all is in readiness, Her Excellency will proceed to the Chamber of the Senate to formally open the First Session of the Thirty-Fourth Parliament of Canada.