

they believe to be the guarantors of freedom and security, and the guardians of the nation's future.

My government shares the expectations of all Canadians that public office holders maintain the highest standards of conduct, especially in the area of conflict of interest. It will be considering proposals which reflect the essential considerations of fairness to the office holder and the protection of the public's interest.

Members of the House of Commons:

I think with pleasure of the determination you will display as you embark on the program of work prepared by my government, and of the good use you will make of your skill and experience. I shall follow your debates with interest. I am assured that this new session will mark a further stage in the growth and flowering of our life as a nation.

You will be asked to appropriate the funds required to carry on the services and expenditures authorized by Parliament.

Honourable Members of the Senate,

Members of the House of Commons:

You will be asked to consider legislation to advance the economic, social and international interests of Canadians.

In pursuit of these worthy objectives, may Divine Providence guide your efforts.

[Translation]

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I move that the speech of Her Excellency the Governor General, delivered this day from the throne to the two Houses of Parliament, be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House.

Motion agreed to.

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[English]

VACANCIES

ST. JOHN'S EAST—HON. JAMES A. MCGRATH, BY RESIGNATION

HAMILTON MOUNTAIN—IAN DEANS, BY RESIGNATION

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that I have received a communication notifying me that a vacancy has occurred in the representation, namely, the Hon. James A. McGrath, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of St. John's East, by resignation.

Accordingly, I have addressed my warrant to the Chief Electoral Officer for the issue of a new Writ of Election for the said Electoral District.

Also, I have the honour to inform the House that a communication has been received from two Members notifying the Chief Electoral Officer, in accordance with chapter H-9 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1970, that the following vacancy has occurred in the representation, namely, Ian Deans, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Hamilton Mountain, by resignation.

Accordingly, a new Writ of Election has been issued.

Business of Supply

[Translation]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL ECONOMY COMMISSIONERS

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister) presented the following message from Her Excellency the Governor General:

I have the honour to inform the House that the Hon. Don Mazankowski and the Hon. Robert de Cotret have been appointed by the Governor in Council as members of the Board of Internal Economy for the purposes and under the provisions of Chapter 39 of the Statutes of Canada, 1985, entitled: An Act to amend the House of Commons Act.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I move:

That Mr. Marcel Danis, Member for the electoral district of Verchères, continue to perform the duties of Deputy Speaker of the House and Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

Motion agreed to.

[English]

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski):

That Hon. Steven Paproski, Member for the Electoral District of Edmonton North, be appointed Deputy Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

Motion agreed to.

[Translation]

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I move:

That Mrs. Andrée Champagne, Member for the electoral district of Saint-Hyacinthe—Bagot, be appointed Assistant Deputy Chairman of Committees of the Whole House.

Motion agreed to.

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[English]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

Hon. Robert de Cotret (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski):

That this House at its next sitting consider the business of supply.

Motion agreed to.