

## CANADA

# House of Commons Debates

## OFFICIAL REPORT

Speaker: The Honourable Alan A. Macnaughton

Monday, April 5, 1965

• (4:10 p.m.)

### THIRD SESSION—TWENTY SIXTH PARLIAMENT—OPENING

The parliament which had been prorogued on the third day of April, 1965, met this day at Ottawa for the dispatch of business.

The house met at three o'clock, the Speaker in the chair.

Mr. Speaker read a communication from the secretary to the Governor General, announcing that His Excellency the Governor General would proceed to the Senate chamber at three o'clock on this day, for the purpose of formally opening the session of the dominion parliament.

*And while awaiting the summons to the Senate chamber:*

**Mr. Winch:** Mr. Speaker, out of curiosity may I ask whether, this being the first day of the third session of this parliament, the required notices have been published in the *Canada Gazette* and all members of the House of Commons and Senate have been so notified.

**Mr. Speaker:** This obviously raises a very interesting and difficult point which I will have to take into consideration.

• (3:20 p.m.)

A message was delivered by Major C. R. Lamoureux, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, it is the pleasure of His Excellency the Governor General that this honourable house attend him immediately in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the house went up to the Senate chamber.

And the house being returned to the Commons chamber:

### OATHS OF OFFICE

**Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister)** moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-1, respecting the administration of oaths of office.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

### SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the house that when the house did attend His Excellency the Governor General this day in the Senate chamber, His Excellency was pleased to make a speech to both houses of parliament. To prevent mistakes I have obtained a copy, which is as follows:

Honourable Members of the Senate:

Members of the House of Commons:

I welcome you to the third session of the twenty sixth Parliament of Canada.

We recall with pleasure the presence last October of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. The visit of Her Majesty to Charlottetown, Quebec and Ottawa helped us to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the interprovincial conferences that led to Confederation. It also reaffirmed in the hearts of Canadians the cherished place of the monarchy in our national development. The gracious presence and the wise words of the Queen of Canada helped to strengthen the unity of our country and to rededicate Canadians to the sense of purpose that joins us in the pursuit of our common goals as Canadians while leaving us free to develop to the full the facets of our life which reflect the duality of our foundation and the variety of our development.

The international situation gives ground for concern. The stability of South-east Asia is threatened by a deepening crisis in Viet Nam and continued pressures on Malaysia. The United Nations is beset by conflicting political pressures which have seriously impaired its capacity for executive action. The continuance of these situations, and of the policies that have given rise to them, would create serious risks of widening conflict.

My Government is resolved that Canada shall make the fullest contribution it can to the lessening of international tensions, including the pro-