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Prime Minister Turner names new Cabinet

John Turner, who was sworn in as Canada's seventeenth prime minister on June 30, has named his first Cabinet.

While 13 ministers were dropped from the 36 he inherited from the Cabinet of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, only five new ministers were brought from the backbench and several others were left in the same portfolios.

In a press conference announcing his new Cabinet, Mr. Turner emphasized that "this is a phase-one Cabinet re-organization only." He added that "eventually an election will be called and everyone in Cabinet will have to fight to keep their job. I will be looking both inside the Liberal caucus and outside by way of attempting to recruit men and women across Canada to actively widen my opportunities for forming a government".

The new Cabinet contains many familiar faces in many familiar places. Allan MacEachen, recently appointed to the Senate by former Prime Minister

Trudeau, was named Government Leader in the Senate.

Jean Chrétien, runner-up behind Mr. Turner in the leadership race, was named Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs. He will also act as chairman of the two key political committees in Quebec.

The third-placed finisher in the leadership race, Economic Development Minister Donald Johnston, was moved to become Minister of Justice and Attorney General.

The key economic ministers, such as Lloyd Axworthy in the Ministry of Transport, Herb Gray in the Treasury Board, John Roberts in the Ministry of Employment and Immigration, Marc Lalonde in Finance and Edward Lumley in Regional Industrial Expansion, all kept their portfolios.

The new faces in the economic area are Gerald Regan, appointed as Minister of Energy, and Francis Fox as Minister of International Trade.



Prime Minister John Turner and his new Cabinet pose with Governor General Jeanne Sauvé at Government House, Ottawa. (From left, front row): Jean-Jacques Blais, John Roberts, André Ouellet, Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister Turner; Governor General Jeanne Sauvé; Allan MacEachen, Herb Gray, Marc Lalonde, Monique Bégin, (From left, second row): Serge Joyal, Judy Erola, Donald Johnston, Charles Lapointe, Robert Kaplan, Francis Fox, Gerald Regan, William Rompkey, Edward Lumley, Lloyd Axworthy, Charles Caccia, (Left to right, back row): Douglas Frith, Ralph Ferguson, Jean Lapierre, Rémi Bujold, Herb Breau, Roy MacLaren, David Smith, David Collenette, Bennett Campbell. (See box, Page 2 for full list of portfolios.)

