

House of Commons shall have been chosen, according to law; but . . . at the hour of . . . o'clock His Excellency will declare the causes of his calling Parliament.

The Speaker resumes his seat.

The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod turns, faces the bar; this move indicates to the Sergeant-at-Arms that the proceedings are over. The Commons withdraw.

The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod then moves to a position in front of the throne and bows to the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General. The Deputy of His Excellency rises. *All rise.* The Deputy of His Excellency retires.

After the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General has retired the Speaker rises and moves to the foot of the chair, bows, mounts the dais, bows to the right and to the left and says, "The sitting is resumed."

The Assistant Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod places the mace on the table and takes his seat outside the bar.

The Speaker then rises and says:

Honourable Senators:

I have the honour to inform the Senate that I have received a communication from the Secretary to the Governor General which reads as follows:

The Speaker reads the letter in English and in French which indicates at what time the Governor General will formally open the first session of the new Parliament.

The Leader of the Government in the Senate now moves:

With leave of the Senate,
I move that the Senate adjourn until

The Speaker repeats the motion and puts the question. On adoption of the motion, the Speaker declares the Senate continued in accordance with the Senate decree.

The Speaker puts on his hat. *All rise.* The Speaker then raises his hat, bows to the right, to the left and to the chair and retires.

Second Distinct Sitting Opening First Session of New Parliament

After the bells summoning the senators have stopped ringing, the Speaker's procession, led by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, enters the chamber. The Speaker takes the chair, and reads prayers. The Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod now leaves the chamber to join the procession of His Excellency the Governor General. The Clerk of the Senate takes