

[*Editor's Note: The list of eligible Members referred to above is as follows:*]

Baker, George S.	MacWilliam, Lyle Dean
Bosley, John	(North Island—Powell River)
Fraser, John A.	Malone, Arnold
Heap, Dan	Robinson, Svend J.
Hogue, Jean-Pierre	Skelly, Raymond
Kindy, Alex	Tremblay, Maurice
Loiselle, Giles	(Lotbinière)

The Presiding Officer (Mr. Prud'homme): Order. Will you kindly take your seats.

[*Translation*]

I would now ask the Hon. Members who have not voted and wish to do so to come forward immediately.

Order, please. All Members having voted, I do now instruct the Clerk to proceed with the counting of the ballots, once I have voted myself.

SITTING SUSPENDED

The Returning Officer (Mr. Prud'homme): Before I suspend the sitting, I wish to remind Hon. Members that, when the counting has been completed, the bells to call the Members to the House will be sounded for not more than five minutes.

The sitting is suspended to the ringing of the bell.

At 10.17 a.m. the sitting of the House was suspended.

● (1050)

[*English*]

SITTING RESUMED

The House resumed at 10.47 a.m.

The Presiding Officer (Mr. Prud'homme): Order. It is my duty to inform the House that John A. Fraser, Member for the Electoral District of Vancouver South, has been duly elected Speaker of this House.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Presiding Officer (Mr. Prud'homme): It is with great pleasure that I do now invite the Hon. Member to take the chair.

[*Editor's Note: And Mr. Prud'homme conducted Mr. Fraser from his seat in the House to the chair.*]

Election of Speaker

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members, I beg to return my humble acknowledgements to the House for the honour which it has been pleased to confer upon me by choosing me to be your Speaker.

[*Translation*]

Hon. Members, I beg to return my humble acknowledgements to the House for the honour which you have been pleased to confer upon me by choosing me to be your Speaker.

[*English*]

It was just over two years ago that I had the honour of uttering those traditional first words as Speaker of the House of Commons in the Thirty-third Parliament. It is with great pride, honour and humility that I graciously accept your trust to be your Speaker for the Thirty-fourth Parliament.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[*Translation*]

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: First of all, I want to thank the Hon. Member for Saint-Denis (Mr. Prud'homme) for presiding this morning over our election.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Having served his riding and country as an elected representative for twenty-four years, he certainly deserves the title of Dean of the House of Commons.

Some Hon. Member: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Over these many years, the Hon. Member for Saint-Denis has been the friend and loyal adviser of a great many Members on both sides of the House and especially the friend and support of the succeeding occupants of the Chair, from Mr. Speaker Mcnaughton to your humble servant. I want to thank him for his friendship and support.

[*English*]

I want also to thank all of the Members of the House for their vote of trust and confidence. I say this because without the support of all Hon. Members, in good times and bad, a Speaker cannot adequately and properly serve the Members who elected him.

I know you would want me also to take a moment to express our appreciation to the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and other Table Officers who under great pressure and time