

The government and the Auditor General are in agreement that a prime means of facilitating accountability is through an information system which provides the bridge between the estimates and the public accounts committee. The end result will be consistency—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. MacEachen) is rising on a point of order.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DISSOLUTION AND ELECTION ON MAY 22

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

I would like to advise the House that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), called on the Governor General a few

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moments ago. Accordingly, I would like to advise the House that the present Parliament of Canada is dissolved.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. MacEachen: By proclamation under the Great Seal of Canada, dated March 26, 1979, the present parliament is dissolved and members and senators are discharged from attendance. May I add that the date of the election is May 22.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: I can only indicate that, in the face of these circumstances, I immediately leave the chair. I want to extend to all members of the House my deep gratitude for the co-operation and support they have extended to the Chair throughout this rather long period of time. If any members are so inclined I will be awaiting their attendance in room 16.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Thirtieth Parliament was dissolved at 9 p.m. by proclamation of His Excellency the Governor General.

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