

THE SENATE

Wednesday, October 1, 1986

The Senate met at 11.30 a.m., the Speaker in the Chair.
Prayers.

NEW SENATOR

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators, I have the honour to inform the Senate that the Clerk has received a certificate from the Registrar General of Canada showing that Norman K. Atkins has been summoned to the Senate.

INTRODUCTION

The Hon. the Speaker having informed the Senate that there was a senator without, waiting to be introduced:

The following honourable senator was introduced; presented Her Majesty's writ of summons; took the oath prescribed by law, which was administered by the Clerk; and was seated.

Hon. Norman K. Atkins, of Markham, Ontario, introduced between Hon. Lowell Murray, P.C., and Hon. Finlay MacDonald.

The Hon. the Speaker informed the Senate that the honourable senator named above had made and subscribed the declaration of qualification required by the Constitution Act, 1867, in the presence of the Clerk of the Senate, the Commissioner appointed to receive and witness the said declaration.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. C. William Doody (Deputy Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(g), I move:

That the Senate do now adjourn until two thirty o'clock this afternoon.

The Hon. the Speaker: Is leave granted, honourable senators?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

The Senate adjourned until 2.30 p.m.

SECOND SITTING

The Senate met at 2.30 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.

The Hon. the Speaker: As there is no business before the Senate, is it your pleasure, honourable senators, that the

Senate do now adjourn during pleasure to await the arrival of Her Excellency the Governor General?

The Senate adjourned during pleasure.

At 2.45 p.m., Her Excellency the Governor General having come and being seated upon the Throne—

The Hon. the Speaker said:

Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod,

You will proceed to the House of Commons and acquaint that House that it is the pleasure of Her Excellency the Governor General that they attend her immediately in the Senate Chamber.

The House of Commons being come,

Their Speaker, the Hon. John A. Fraser, P.C., said:

May it please Your Excellency,

The House of Commons has elected me their Speaker, though I am but little able to fulfil the important duties thus assigned to me.

If, in the performance of those duties, I should at any time fall into error, I pray that the fault may be imputed to me and not to the Commons, whose servant I am.

The Hon. the Speaker of the Senate answered:

Mr. Speaker, I am commanded by Her Excellency the Governor General to assure you that your words and actions will constantly receive from her the most favourable construction.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Her Excellency the Governor General was then pleased to open the Second Session of the Thirty-third Parliament with the following speech:

Ladies and gentlemen, Honourable Members of the Senate,

Ladies and gentlemen, Members of the House of Commons:

It is with pleasure that I welcome you to the Second Session of the Thirty-third Parliament of Canada and express to you, on behalf of all our fellow-Canadians, my appreciation and gratitude for the work which you do here. It is you, above all others, who make our Parliamentary system work, and you who are responsible for ensuring the smooth operation of an institution which is essential to the welfare of Canadians and the unimpeded enjoyment of our freedoms.

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