

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Paproski:** The next prime minister's speech.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** What were you doing in Saskatoon? I should like to know that. I do not care if you are pretty or not.

**Mr. Cossitt:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to correct, briefly, two things. The Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council, I hope unintentionally, misled the House when he said that the answers to the 45 questions were in a box which he was tabling. Might I say that I knew, before the questions were answered, the numbers that would be answered, and none of those 45 was in the box to which he referred or I would not have raised the matter.

● (1520)

In reply to the minister who asked why I used the phrase "pretty girls", let me say that I was using the phrase which her colleague, the Minister of Transport, had used, apparently, in connection with her.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

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[English]

A message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to the Senate chamber.

● (1530)

Then, the Deputy Governor General was pleased to close the second session of the thirtieth Parliament of Canada with the following speech:

[French text]

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

The Second Session of the Thirtieth Parliament opened on October 12, 1976. In the 370 days since then, the Senate has held 103 sittings and the House of Commons has held 175 sittings. Of the 64 bills brought before Parliament by the Government in this session, 44 have been enacted. In addition, 13 bills proposed by private members have been passed into law.

*Members of the House of Commons*

During this session you took the decision to permit the television and radio broadcasting of your proceedings. Citizens in every corner of Canada will now

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have regular opportunities to see and hear you transact the business of the nation. Their response to what they observe will provide great incentive to you to organize your business in a manner that reflects the needs and interests of contemporary Canadians.

[English text]

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

During this session, Canadians have focussed their attention more sharply on the future of Confederation. The Government of Canada has appointed a Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations and created a Task Force on Canadian Unity. You have approved the appointment of a new Commissioner of Official Languages and enacted a new Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements Act and Established Programs Financing Act. The development of our federal system, however, will continue to be evaluated and, perhaps, altered in the next several years and Canadians in every province and territory will have to exercise great understanding and reason as they plan their future together.

The Canadian economy has been in this session, as in all, an area of major interest. The program of controls of prices and incomes has been extended through its second year while the Government has engaged in discussions with the provinces, with labour and with industry about the removal of controls and the guidance of the economy afterward.

You have enacted measures to restrain government expenditures and to give greater authority to the Auditor General. The Government has appointed a Royal Commission on Financial Management and Accountability.

[French text]

The less fortunate people in society have not been forgotten in this session. You have created a new Department of Employment and Immigration and a Canada Employment and Immigration Commission which together will assist Canadians in finding employment, assist those who cannot and administer the new Immigration Act, passed in this session. You have also enacted a Canadian Human Rights Act and have amended the Old Age Security Act and the Canada Pension Plan to improve benefits under those programs.

Canada has continued to attempt to bring together the rich and the poor nations of the world so that all may agree on a system of organizing the international economy so that all nations may share prosperity and live in peace. The Conference on International Economic Co-operation was chaired by Canada and our country played leading roles at the Commonwealth Conference of Heads of Governments and at the economic summit conference of the seven greatest industrial countries.

[English text]

Many other actions of great importance have been undertaken during this session.

*Members of the House of Commons:*

I thank you for the provision you have made for the public services in the previous and in the current fiscal year.

*Honourable Members of the Senate:*

*Members of the House of Commons:*

May Divine Providence continue to bless our country.

This concluded the second session of the thirtieth parliament.