The Honourable the Speaker took the Clerk's chair.

The Honourable the Speaker rose and informed the Senate that a Commission had been issued under the Great Seal appointing him Speaker of the Senate. The said Commission was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

ROLAND MICHENER (G.S.)

GEORGE J. MCILRAITH Acting Attorney General of Canada.

CANADA

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, Canada and Her other Realms and Territories QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith.

To the

HONOURABLE JEAN-PAUL DESCHATELETS, a member of the Senate,

GREETING:

KNOW YOU, that reposing special trust and confidence in your loyalty, integrity and ability, We have constituted and appointed, and We do constitute and appoint, you, the said Jean-Paul Deschatelets,

SPEAKER OF THE SENATE.

TO HAVE, hold, exercise and enjoy the said office of Speaker of the Senate, with all and every the powers, rights, authority, privileges, profits, emoluments and advantages unto the said office of right and by law appertaining during Our pleasure.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Canada to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS: Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Counsellor, Roland Michener, Chancellor and Principal Companion of Our Order of Canada, upon whom We have conferred Our Canadian Forces' Decoration, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

AT OUR GOVERNMENT HOUSE, in Our City of Ottawa, this fifth day of September, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixtyeight and in the seventeenth year of Our Reign.

BY COMMAND,

RON BASFORD, Registrar General of Canada.

Ordered, That the Writ be placed upon the Journals.

The Honourable the Speaker took the Chair at the foot of the Throne, to which he was conducted by the Honourable Senator Hayden and the Honourable Senator Flynn, P.C.