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HON. GEORGE MITCHELL: Mr. Speaker, there is a little confusion here, what I was proposing to do was not to adjourn anything, but to speak in this debate. I am not sure that the honourable member is satisfied with that position.

Mr. Speaker, it is with a good real of pleasure that I arise to make a few comments in this Speech from the Throne debate. It was rather interesting to hear the suggestion of the member who last spoke and the enthusiasm with which his associates greeted the call for a new election. But I must say that I think that we on this side of the House, realizing that there is a potential value in an Opposition, would have good reason to hesitate calling an election because there would then likely be no Opposition. (Applause) There would be less than a rump that existed many years ago, but I suppose that one would have to admit that there might be a few over there who would constitute a good rump.

Mr. Speaker, before I get into the main body of my remarks, I would like to make one or two comments which have always been described as the pleasantries, although I rather hesitate to use that word, because I think there is a degree of sincerity in the congratulations when members address the Chair, and congratulate you, sir, on your appointment as Speaker of this House. It is a very onerous position in many ways, and it has a tradition of independence. that goes back to the time when this House was originally established and indeed well beyond that, into the sands of the parliamentary system and I am sure that you, sir, will carry on in precisely the same manner as has been done in the past, and indeed, your early efforts have clearly indicated that that is the direction in which you will be going.

I would also like to just extend my congratulations to the three new Cabinet colleagues that have joined our government. They have added a number of strengths which I would not say were lacking in the past, they have only reinforced those that already existed and we welcome them to the Cabinet ranks. There is also, Mr. Speaker, the addition of the member for Cape Breton West to this side of the House. (Applause)

I think perhaps that is right. One of my colleagues mentioned that there was some suggestion that that was so, and I suspect that the results of that election will be repeated a half a dozen times or more when the next election is called, but we are certainly pleased to have him on this side of the House with us and I know from my association with him that he is a gentleman that has the close interest of his constituents at heart. He is a man who knows intimately what is happening in his constituency and does not hesitate to make that interest known to those of us who are in the Cabinet, and I would say that he is doing his job extremely well as a new member of this Legislature. (Applause)