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Nancy Anctil, Chief of Protocol, Parliament of Canada: Ladies and gentlemen, good morning. As the ceremony is about to begin, I would like to remind you to put your communication devices on silent mode and to kindly refrain from taking photographs during the ceremony.

My name is Nancy Anctil. I am the Chief of Protocol for the Parliament of Canada, and I am pleased to welcome you here in the Senate Chamber and those watching remotely.

I would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people.

[Translation]

We are gathered in the place where the three component elements of Parliament — the Crown, the Senate and the House of Commons — come together occasionally. We do so today to honour the service, contribution and lives of the parliamentarians who have left our ranks over the past year.

In a moment, we will welcome the members of the official party, composed of the Speaker of the Senate, the Honourable Senator Raymonde Gagné, and the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Honourable Anthony Rota —

[English]

There is the President of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians, Ms. Dorothy Dobbie; the Vice President of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians, the Honourable Eleni Bakopanos; Mr. Matthew DeCourcey; the Clerk Assistant of the Senate, Mr. Till Heyde; the Acting Clerk of the House of Commons, Mr. Eric Janse; the Usher of the Black Rod, Mr. Greg Peters; and the Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Patrick McDonell.

Please rise for the arrival of the official party and remain standing for our national anthem.

[The Ottawa Children's Choir sings O Canada]

Ms. Anctil: Please be seated.

[Translation]

Every year, the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians organizes this ceremony as an opportunity to remember and thank from the bottom of our hearts those men and women — former Canadian parliamentarians all — whom we have lost over the past year.

[English]

It is appropriate and timely to honour the parliamentarians who have left us in the last year, to remember their service and the mark they have left on us, our Parliament and our country.

[Translation]

To begin, I would like to invite the Speaker of the Senate, the Honourable Raymonde Gagné, to welcome you.

Madam Speaker.

Hon. Raymonde Gagné, Speaker of the Senate: Honourable Anthony Rota, Speaker of the House of Commons, honourable parliamentarians, distinguished guests, we are gathered here today to commemorate the lives of those parliamentarians who have sadly passed away over the past year.

First of all, as Speaker of the Senate, and on behalf of all its 89 senators, I would like to offer my most sincere condolences to the family members of all these illustrious parliamentarians.

[English]

We would like to recognize that, beyond their immense contribution to Canadian democracy, these parliamentarians were your loved ones, above all else.

[Translation]

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the family and friends here with us today in the Senate. Our hearts go out to you. They were your fathers and mothers, your brothers and sisters, your husbands and wives, your spouses.

We would therefore like to thank all the families who, over the years, have agreed to support these parliamentarians in the performance of their duties and their service to Canada, while recognizing that the work of a parliamentarian can sometimes be carried out at the expense of personal life.

As I'm sure many of you can attest, you stood by them through thick and thin. It takes people of great strength to support those who are so passionate about public life!

[English]

You certainly were their anchors during some of the more challenging times, and in those moments, I am certain that they deeply appreciated your love and your support.

We are wishing you all the best, and we are certain that their legacy will live on in your hearts and in your communities.

I would also like to offer my condolences to the colleagues and friends of these parliamentarians. We work so closely together that we develop a special bond here on Parliament Hill.

[Translation]

It's right here, in the heart of the Parliamentary Precinct, that we worked with these remarkable individuals who so graciously represented the will and interests of Canadians. It is here that we gathered with them to deliberate the myriad of ideas and values that make up the richness of this country. In short, it is here with them that we advanced society through legislative work.

[English]

Their legacy is undeniable. We are following the path they have set before us, and we continue to build upon the foundation that they have so sturdily built.

[Translation]

Thanks to their hard work, we can continue our work on the Hill with pride and confidence, both in the Senate and in the House of Commons. That's why the flag on the Peace Tower of Centre Block is at half-mast today.

[English]

But like the Centennial Flame that stands before the Peace Tower, the torch that they have passed on to us continues to burn and shines a light on us. Never will it falter.

[Translation]

So please know that their achievements will never be forgotten, and we assure you that their legacy will live on in our society.

Finally, I'd like to take a moment to thank the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians, which organizes this event with such thoughtfulness and care every year. It's an honour for me to have been able to participate, to pay tribute to these parliamentarians, and to share this moment of reflection with all those in attendance. Thank you to all of you.

Ms. Anctil: I now invite the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Honourable Anthony Rota, to take the floor.

[English]

Hon. Anthony Rota, Speaker of the House of Commons: Good morning, Speaker Gagné, fellow parliamentarians past and present, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen. I'm honoured to be here with you this morning.

As we remember and pay tribute to the distinguished parliamentarians lost to us this year, we remember, but we also celebrate these extraordinary individuals who served their country and Parliament ably and with dedication.

[Translation]

I would also like to acknowledge the sacrifices and contributions of their families. We in this chamber know all too well the impact of our service on our families.

[English]

Please allow me to extend my thanks to family members and friends who have stood with their loved ones despite the inevitable sacrifices and disruptions to family life that are unavoidable for life in Parliament.

[Translation]

In addition to personal sacrifice, we know that parliamentarians' contribution is not always highlighted, nor is it always recognized by the public.

The MPs and senators who have passed away over the past year put their talents and energies at the service of their country, often for many years, and the world is a better place because of them.

[English]

Whether serving in this place or the other place, we are all part of one large family of parliamentarians. We work together, travel together, laugh together and, in many cases, develop lasting friendships. So it is today we mourn and remember together.

On behalf of the House of Commons, I offer my sincerest condolences on the passing of too many dear friends and colleagues. We are the poorer for their departure but the richer for their time on earth.

[Translation]

I extend my heartfelt condolences to all those who are grieving.

Thank you very much.

[English]

Ms. Anctil: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I would like to invite to the podium the President of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians, Ms. Dorothy Dobbie, accompanied by the Vice President of the Association, the Honourable Eleni Bakopanos.

Dorothy Dobbie, President, Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians: Your Honours, ladies and gentlemen, five times I have been here to read these brief biographies of our Canadian heroes, and each time I feel so inadequate in reducing their lives to 100 words. These men and women were giants of their time. Whether they served for many years or only briefly, they were willing to put their lives on the line for Canadians and that takes courage and dedication to service.

Dedication to service is, as Canadian author Robertson Davies would say, "bred in the bone," and the people who serve are tough, resilient and filled with energy. They need to be. Being a member of Parliament is a total commitment requiring attention 24-7, 365 days a year. There are no holidays for members, because if you slip away for a few days with your family, the phone can ring and you can be called back to service. We have all gone through that, I'm sure.

As Robertson Davies also said, "Extraordinary people survive under the most terrible circumstances and they become more extraordinary because of it."

It is not only the members who serve, however. It is all of you family members: the husbands, the wives, the children, parents, who are profoundly affected by having a member of Parliament in the family. You, too, deserve our thanks for your service, for the lonely nights and the troubled days when the media came pounding on the door.

Thank you all. We honour you as we honour those who have passed. We thank you for your gifts to Canada.

The Honourable Anthony Abbott was elected to the House of Commons as the Liberal Member of Parliament for Mississauga in 1974. In 1976, he was appointed Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, and in 1977, Minister of State for Small Business. In 1978, he became Minister of National Revenue. He later became President of the Retail Council of Canada.

The Honourable Doris Margaret Anderson was appointed to the Senate in 1995 by Jean Chrétien, representing the senatorial division of St. Peter's, Kings County, Prince Edward Island. She retired in 1997. In 1982, she was made a member of the Order of Canada in recognition of having been able to help many children suffering from celiac disease and to contribute to education and mental health in her province. She passed away at the age of 100.

[Translation]

Hon. Eleni Bakopanos, Vice President, Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians: Good morning, everyone. We will use both English and French.

André Arthur, a well-known broadcaster in Quebec, was known as a self-styled Libertarian. He ran for office in 1994 as an independent provincial candidate and again in 1997 for mayor of the former city of Sainte-Foy. He was elected as an independent federal MP for Portneuf—Jacques—Cartier in 2006 on a budget — and I'm noting this correctly — of \$924, earning him the title as the cheapest MP in Canada! That would be almost impossible now. He ran again in 2008, but he was defeated in 2011.

Robert Bertrand served as a Liberal MP from 1993 to 2004. I had the honour of serving with him. He served on numerous committees, including National Defence and Veterans Affairs, to improve the poor quality of life for members of the Canadian Forces and their families. He also served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence from 1998 to 2000. Following that, he was President and Grand Chief of the Native Alliance of Quebec and National Grand Chief of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples.

The Honourable Michel Biron was appointed to the Senate in 2001 by former Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien. He was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2002 in recognition of his contributions to the economy. He was known for his kindness and for his business acumen. His employees and former colleagues were very close to his heart. I had the pleasure of knowing him.

[English]

Ms. Dobbie: The Honourable Bill Blaikie served as the NDP MP representing Elmwood—Transcona from 1979 to 2008. Bill had the longest continuous parliamentary record in the Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth Parliaments and was Dean of the House. He was a member of the King's Privy Council for Canada. Bill served as Deputy Speaker from 2006 to 2007. Upon retirement, he was elected as an MLA in Manitoba from 2009 until 2011 where he served as Minister of Conservation and as Government House Leader. He was a board member of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians and a very welcome columnist for *Beyond the Hill*.

John S. Burton was the NDP member for Regina East from 1968 to 1972. He ran in eight federal elections, two for the CCF and six for the NDP. He believed fiercely in state ownership and played a major role in Saskatchewan's 1975 decision to acquire potash-producing facilities. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Crown-owned Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan from 1975 to 1982. His father, Joseph William Burton, was also an MP from 1943 to 1949.

The Honourable Jim Carr started his career as an oboist with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra from the age of 16 until he was 21. After completing his post-secondary education, he moved into politics, beginning as a political staffer. This was followed by a career in provincial politics from 1988 to 1992, when he became the CEO of Manitoba's Business Council. Jim was elected in 2015 as Liberal MP for Winnipeg South Centre. He won two more elections, in office until his passing this past year in 2022. He served as Minister of Natural Resources and then as Minister of International Trade Diversification.

Rex Crawford was born an American in Detroit. He served as a Liberal member for Kent in Parliament from 1988 to 1997. A farmer, he was known to buck the party line, especially on gun control. His former aide said of him:

He was a fundamentally good man that made a difference in his way. He wasn't there to be anybody special. He wasn't trying to be a (cabinet) minister. He wasn't trying to navigate his way to the top of the heap. He was just a hardworking constituency guy and he made his life on that.

The Honourable Mabel DeWare gained fame as a curler early in her life, leading her team to the national championship in 1963. She was a Progressive Conservative member of the New Brunswick Legislature from 1982 to 1987, where she was appointed a cabinet minister in several portfolios. Mabel was appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in 1990, serving until 2001. She was the opposition whip in the Senate from 1999 to 2001. CBC called her a "storied" politician, reporting that when asked a question as labour minister by a group of male miners, she retorted: "I know more about labour than any of you ever will! A woman in labour always delivers!"

[Translation]

Ms. Bakopanos: Phillip Edmonston was a dual Canadian-American citizen. In his private life, he was a journalist and consumer advocate. He founded the Automobile Protection Association in 1968 and remained its president until 1987. He was elected for the New Democratic Party in the riding of Chambly in 1988. He was the first NDP member form Quebec to be elected to Parliament. A staunch Quebec nationalist, he objected to the idea that western alienation was as important as Quebec's position on the Constitution.

[English]

Ms. Dobbie: The Honourable James Fleming was a news reporter. James joined the House of Commons in 1972 as the Liberal member for York West. He was Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Communications and later to the Minister of the Environment. In 1980, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau named him Minister of State for Multiculturalism. After Parliament, he returned to work in radio and later wrote a column for the *Toronto Sun*.

William Frank was a Progressive Conservative member for Middlesex from 1972 to 1974. He was a businessman and merchant by career and was very involved in his local community. He was inducted into the Middlesex County Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2008. He is said to have been famous for his chicken barbecues. He passed away just six months short of his one-hundredth birthday.

The Honourable Bill Graham was the well-respected Liberal member for Toronto Centre—Rosedale, first elected in 1993 and stepping down in 2007. Prime Minister Jean Chrétien said he was "a true gentleman in the rough and tumble world of politics." He served as Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of National Defence, Leader of the Opposition and Interim Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada. Stephen Harper said of him:

Even while a determined opponent, Bill was always a gentleman, and he always kept the best interests of the country in mind.

Terence Grier served as the New Democratic Party's Member of Parliament for Toronto—Lakeshore from 1972 to 1974. Although he never ran again, he was a staunch member of the federal New Democratic Party and a good friend and supporter to former leader Ed Broadbent. He spent most of his career as an academic working at Ryerson, where he rose to the position of president in 1988 and was later named President Emeritus in 2000. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws by Ryerson.

Al Horning was born in Saskatchewan but his life belonged to British Columbia. He was elected as the Progressive Conservative member for Okanagan Centre in 1988 and served until 1993. Prior to this, he was an alderman on the Kelowna City Council from 1980 to 1988. After his career in Ottawa, he was elected to the B.C. Legislature for Kelowna—Lake Country. He was very active in his community and was recently informed that the road to the airport was to be named Al Horning Way in his honour before he was deceased.

[Translation]

Ms. Bakopanos: The Honourable Jean Lapointe was appointed to the Senate by the Right Honourable Jean Chrétien in 2001, serving until 2010. Prior to this, he spent his career as an actor, comedian and singer. He began his career as part of the duo Les Jérolas with Jérôme Lemay, performing at such venues as the *Ed Sullivan Show* and at the Olympia in Paris. He was named an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1984. In 2006, he was made an Officer of the National Order of Quebec.

René Laurin served as the Bloc Québécois Member of Parliament for Joliette from 1993 to 2000. He was also Mayor of Joliette for 12 years, until his retirement in 2013. It is said that his favorite word was "Quebec" — and he's not the only one. Prior to his parliamentary career, he was a post-secondary teacher. He was also director general of the Nouvelle-Acadie School Board in the Joliette district.

The Honourable Viola Léger was an American-born Canadian who was appointed to the Senate in 2001, serving until 2005 representing Acadia, New Brunswick. In 1989, she was made an Officer of the Order of Canada. In 2007, she was awarded the Order of New Brunswick. Viola received the Governor General's Performing Arts Award in 2013 for her work as an actress.

The Honourable Gilles Loiselle was a CBC News correspondent and then the Agent General for Quebec to the United Kingdom during the patriation of the Canadian Constitution. In 1988, he was elected to Parliament as the Progressive Conservative member for Langelier, where he served until 1993. He was appointed President of the Treasury Board and later became Minister of Finance. He was named to the National Order of Quebec in 2011.

[English]

Ms. Dobbie: Robert McKinley led an active and purposeful life, said his obituary. He played hockey and coached a champion Ontario team prior to being elected five times, serving Huron—Bruce from 1965 to 1980 for the Progressive Conservative Party. He chaired the Agriculture Committee in Parliament and served as party whip.

After politics, he managed his farm and hatchery, was a harness racing horse owner and became a financier, among his many other pursuits.

The Honourable Lorna Milne served in the Senate from 1995 to 2009. She was appointed by Jean Chrétien and served as Senate Vice-Chair of the Liberal caucus. She was President of the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association from 2004 to 2008. She was Chair of the Committee on Rules, Procedures and the Rights of Parliament, which recommended the position of Senate Ethics Officer. She was also responsible for the legalization of hemp as an agricultural crop in Canada.

Ken Monteith was called the "champion of everything St. Thomas" when they put him on the list of the most influential people in St. Thomas. In 1988, Ken was elected as the Progressive Conservative MP for Elgin—Norfolk, where he served until 1993. Ken was the chairman of the Progressive Conservative Party's National Agricultural caucus, and he sat on the Agricultural Standing Committee in Ottawa. He also served as a local reeve and councillor.

The Honourable Joan Neiman was a Winnipeg girl, but she left her hometown to go to school and ended up marrying a Toronto lawyer after a stint as a navy Wren. She was appointed to the Senate for Peel by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau in 1972, serving out her time until retirement in 1995. Very active in the Senate, she chaired several committees on matters such as Legal and Constitutional Affairs and Assisted Suicide. She was the first Canadian to become Chair of Human Rights for the Interparliamentary Union. She passed away at age 102.

John Oostrom was the Progressive Conservative member of Parliament for Willowdale from 1984 to 1988. He was the first Dutch-born Canadian elected to the House of Commons. A fervent anti-communist, he was involved for a time with Paul Hellyer's Canadian Action Party. He ran four times, the first three unsuccessfully. He spent most of his working career as an executive with Philips.

The Honourable Landon (Lucy) Pearson was a proud children's rights advocate. Appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Jean Chrétien to represent Ontario in 1994, she served until 2005. She was Vice-Chairperson of the Canadian Commission for the International Year of the Child and founding member and chairperson of the Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children. As a senator, she became advisor on children's rights to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. In June 1999,

she was named Personal Representative of Prime Minister to the 2002 Special Session on Children of the United Nations General Assembly. In 2008, she was made an Officer of the Order of Canada.

The Honourable John M. Reid was elected as the Liberal-Labour MP in 1965 and served until 1984 as the member for Kenora—Rainy River. When he ran in 1972, he was designated as a Liberal. He was Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Queen's Privy Council and later as Minister of State for federal-provincial relations. Post-parliament, he served as president of the Canadian Nuclear Association then represented Canada on the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe's mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina. He was the founding president of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians and was the recipient of a Distinguished Service Award. He was also a regular and much appreciated columnist for the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians magazine Beyond the Hill.

Sam Wakim served in Parliament from 1979 to 1980 in the then-new riding of Don Valley East, but he served the people of Canada as a lawyer for many more years, representing Prime Minister Brian Mulroney as his best friend.

The former Prime Minister said:

He was the best friend any man could ever hope to have. He was friendly, he was intelligent, he was entertaining, he was funny, hardworking, loyal. Most of all, Sam was a fascinating guy.

Ian Watson was the Liberal MP for Châteauguay—Huntingdon—Laprairie, later just Laprairie, who served seven terms for his party from 1963 to 1984. He chaired many parliamentary committees and was dedicated to international affairs. After politics he became a founding member of the Middle East Discussion Group, as well as founding the National Council on Canada-Arab Relations. He loved nature and collected antique Canadian furniture.

[Translation]

Ms. Bakopanos: These 29 men and women drew on their resources and gave their all for the good of our country. We pay tribute to them and thank them for their service.

[English]

Ms. Dobbie: These 29 men and women reached deep into their resources and offered all they had for the betterment of our nation. We honour them and thank them for their service.

Ms. Anctil: Thank you, Ms. Dobbie and Ms. Bakopanos. Pipe Major Timothy Reid and the Serenade of Strings will perform *Highland Cathedral*.

[Pipe Major Timothy Reid and the Central Band's Serenade of Strings perform *Highland Cathedral*]

Ms. Anctil: I would like to invite Ms. Anne Elizabeth Lapointe, daughter of the late former senator, the Honourable Jean Lapointe and Katherine Howlett, daughter of the late former member of Parliament, the Honourable John Mercer Reid, to come to the podium for the reading.

[Translation]

Anne Elizabeth Lapointe and Katherine Howlett will come forward and read two texts for us.

Anne Elizabeth Lapointe, daughter of the late former senator, the Honourable Jean Lapointe: The Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Canada's Governor General from 2005 to 2010, on the occasion of her installation on September 27, 2005, said:

From Signal Hill to Vancouver Island, from Baffin Land to Thetford Mines, the freedom that is ours unites us all. Freedom has marked our history and our territory, it has marked our summer breezes and our howling winter winds. It has helped create the spirit of adventure that I love above all in this country, this country where each and every one of us is able to participate fully in the ongoing task of building it.

More than four centuries ago that spirit of adventure drove women and men to cross the ocean and discover a new world elsewhere. That spirit also led the First Nations to pass on to those new settlers the essence of this generous land. And it encourages people from all over the world to share in our prospects or to take refuge here and make a fresh start, safe from tyranny and violence. It inspires our artists, our scientists, our peacekeepers and our institutions as they work to spread our know-how and our message of hope. Today, we are the sum of those adventures.

[English]

Katherine Howlett, daughter of the late former Member of Parliament, the Honourable John Mercer Reid: Lord Minto, Canada's eighth Governor General, spoke at the first Annual Banquet of the Canadian Club of Ottawa on January 18, 1904:

Canadian men and women have made history and are still making it every day, but the present generation have more time than of the old to write and to read it. I hope they will do so over and over again. They will find something in it to be proud of; and now the time is come when they can afford to embellish the inheritance of their cities, to help that which is struggling to the surface in art and literature, cherishing, I hope, all that is so characteristically Canadian and preserving it from the levelling influences of a struggling world.

Ms. Anctil: Thank you. Each of the men and women whose public service we are honouring today contributed in their own way to the peace and prosperity that Canadians enjoy today, and they deserve to be counted among the people who have shaped Canada.

The elder from the Algonquin community of Kitigan Zibi Anishinaabeg, Ms. Verna McGregor, unfortunately, can no longer be with us today to offer an honour song.

[Translation]

We will now listen to a performance by the Ottawa Children's Choir entitled *Soyez comme l'oiseau*.

[The Ottawa Children's Choir sings Soyez comme l'oiseau.]

[English]

Mr. Matthew DeCourcey, Member of the Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians will lead us in the reading of the Honour Roll Call. It will be followed by a minute of silence, *The Lament* and the laying of the wreath.

[Translation]

Matthew DeCourcey will now proceed with the honour roll call, reading the names of those whose memory we honour today.

[English]

Matthew DeCourcey, Member, Canadian Association of Former Parliamentarians: Would the family members and representatives of the deceased members being remembered today, please rise as the names of the deceased are read and remain standing until after *The Lament* is played and the wreath is presented by our Speakers?

The Honourable Anthony Abbott

The Honourable Doris Anderson

Mr. André Arthur

Mr. Robert Bertrand

The Honourable Michel Biron

The Honourable William Blaikie

Mr. John Burton

The Honourable James Carr

Mr. Rex Crawford

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Mr. Kenneth Monteith

The Honourable Joan Neiman

Mr. John Oostrom

The Honourable Landon Pearson

The Honourable John M. Reid

Mr. Arthur Samuel Wakim

Mr. Ian Watson

Ladies and gentlemen, please rise for the minute of silence followed by *The Lament* and the laying of the wreath by the Speakers of the Senate and the House of Commons.

[Pipe Major Timothy Reid performs *The Lament*]

Ms. Anctil: We are truly honoured to have so many family members with us to pay tribute to their loved ones.

In you, we see the same sense of dedication, of purpose, of service and of pride in what we, as a people and as a country, have built together and will continue to build.

[Translation]

I would like to reintroduce the Ottawa Children's Choir, who will perform *Let your voice be heard*.

[The Ottawa Children's Choir sings Let your voice be heard.]

Ms. Anctil: As the ceremony draws to its close, I would like to thank you for your participation. A reception will follow in the Senators' Lounge.

I would ask that the family members remain in the Senate Chamber for the photo session before joining the reception.

[English]

Please rise for the Royal Anthem and remain standing for the departure of the official party. Thank you.

[Ottawa Children's Choir performs God Save the King]

Ms. Anctil: With the exception of family members, all please follow the procession to the Senators Lounge. Thank you.

[Pipe Major Timothy Reid performs recessional music]

[End of ceremony]

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