

SPEAKING NOTES
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SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

ON THE OCCASION OF THE SPEAKER'S ANNUAL BBQ

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Honourable Senators,
Members of the Senate Staff,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to the Annual Barbecue. This event brings Senators and Senate Staff together in an informal atmosphere and is an opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work during the course of the year. I want to begin by offering thanks to those responsible for organizing this event, notably the employees of the Parliamentary Precinct Services, the Office of the Black Rod and my own office.

As in the past, all profits from the barbecue will be donated to the Senate's Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign.

I want to thank Senators and Senate staff for their generous contribution to the Senate Workplace Charitable Campaign.

This year's campaign is off to a great beginning. We hope to match and perhaps even surpass last year's success.

It is once again my great pleasure to present the Speaker's Award for Excellence. This award takes into account a number of factors, recognizing:

- Work performance at an unusually high level over an extended period of time.
- The performance of duties under extraordinary circumstances in a manner that constitutes a contribution of unusual merit to the Senate.

- The successful completion of an assignment by an individual or team, the results of which are of an exceptionally high order of achievement.
- Significant accomplishment in the legislative, research or administration fields.

This year the Awards Committee recommended five nominees.

The nominees are:

- 1) The Capital Asset Initiative Team: Jacques Beaudry, Jean-Marc Dumoulin, Dominic Foti, Christian Hotte, Christena McCormick, Regis McNamara and Ann Thy Phong;
- 2) The Competency Profiles Team: Soumaïa Allal, Carole Bender, Guik Chin, H el ene Hubert, Carole Huot, Bruno Laroche, Marie-Jules Morris-Bourgoin, Marie Chantal Th eriault and Karen Yee;
- 3) Alana Blouin from the Office of the Black Rod;
- 4) Lorraine MacPhee, who presently works in the Chamber Operations and Procedure Office;
- 5) The Intrasen Group: Carole Bender, Olivier Carr e-Delisle, Richard McDonald and Robert Legault.

I would like to congratulate all the employees who were nominated this year.

The achievements of our nominees were described at the Awards Ceremony held on Friday last week so I won't repeat the details today. I know you are all anxious to hear the winner's name.

The envelope please...

I am pleased to announce that the winner of the Speaker's Award for Excellence is **the Capital Asset Initiative Team**. Congratulations.

What was achieved by this hardworking team? The Capital asset portfolio went from 171 assets to over 1200 assets by the end of March and the Senate's capital asset holdings increased from approximately 6 million to 17 million.

I wish you and yours a safe, wonderful and well-deserved summer filled with good friends and happy memories. Once again, thank you all for your dedication and excellent work.