

SPEAKING NOTES
THE HONOURABLE NOËL A. KINSELLA
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

ON THE OCCASION OF THE SPEAKER'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

Welcome to the Speaker's Christmas Party. This is an opportunity for Senators and Senate staff to get together in an informal atmosphere.

I want to thank everyone for their hard work during the course of the year. You have all helped to ensure that the Senate carries on the important work of the nation. In addition, I want to draw your attention to those responsible for organizing this event, notably Diane Boucher, Jan Potter, Client Services, the Office of the Black Rod and my own office. Thank you all.

This Christmas Party is a part of the Senate's Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign. Senators and Senate staff have made generous contributions throughout the year at many different events, and I am pleased to say that the Senate has raised more than \$98,000 for the United Way. Congratulations to everyone.

In addition, I want to thank everyone who brought a donation for the food bank. This is another small way to share the spirit of the season with those who are less fortunate, and you may be sure that it will be fully appreciated.

In closing, I wish you and yours a safe, wonderful and well-deserved holiday season filled with good friends and happy memories.

Now, it my pleasure to invite Nanci-Jean Waugh, NCR Cabinet Member of the Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign, to come forward and accept this cheque from the Senate of Canada in the amount of \$99,200.46.