NEW CABINET NAMED

Kim Campbell became Canada's 19th prime minister when she and her Cabinet were sworn in on June 25. The new Cabinet has 25 members, the smallest since 1963, and is supposed to streamline government operations. Of the 25 ministers, including the PM, 18 held posts under Brian Mulroney. The new Cabinet is as follows:

- Perrin Beatty, External Affairs
- Thomas Siddon, Defence
- Charles Mayer, Agriculture, Small Communities and Rural Areas; minister designate of agriculture and agri-food
- Lowell Murray, government leader in the Senate
- Paul Dick, Supply and Services, Public Works; minister designate of government services
- Jean Charest, deputy prime minister, Industry, Science and Technology; Consumer and Corporate Affairs; minister designate of industry and science
- Thomas Hockin, International Trade
- Monique Landry, secretary of state, Communications; minister designate of Canadian heritage
- Bernard Valcourt, Employment and Immigration, Labour; minister designate of human resources and labour
- Gerry Weiner, Multiculturalism and Citizenship; minister designate of citizenship
- Douglas Lewis, solicitor-general, government House leader; minister designate of public security
- Pierre Blais, Privy Council president, Justice
- Mary Collins, Health and Welfare, Status of Women; minister designate of health
- Jean Corbell, Transport
- Gilles Loiselle, Finance
- Pauline Browes, Indian Affairs and Northern Development
- Pierre Vincent, Environment
- James Edwards, Treasury Board president
- Robert Nicholson, Science, Small Business

ALBERTA PROVINCIAL ELECTION

Premier Ralph Klein's Conservative government was re-elected with a slightly reduced majority on June 15. The Conservatives won 51 seats, and the Liberals led by Laurence Decore won 32 seats. The NDP, which had been the official opposition with 15 seats before the election, failed to win any seats. The election was the first for Ralph Klein as premier, who succeeded Don Getty.

QUEBEC BILL 86

The Liberal government of Premier Robert Bourassa passed its new language legislation through the National Assembly on June 17. The new language law significantly relaxes the restrictions on the use of English, and gives the provincial Cabinet expanded regulatory power over its use.

UPROAR OVER SENATE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE

On June 22, senators voted themselves a $6,000 increase in their travel and accommodation allowance. Currently, senators earn $64,400 and have an indexed tax-free allowance of $10,400. Because of the resulting public outcry, the Senate reconvened in special session on July 12 and rescinded the increase by a vote of 80-1 with 2 abstentions.

ONTARIO'S SOCIAL CONTRACT

Following the collapse of negotiations with its public sector workers, Ontario introduced a legislative package on June 14 to effect restraint. The goal of the legislation is to cut $2 billion in spending, with a three-year wage freeze and unpaid leave days. The bill affects 900,000 public sector employees, who are offered several incentives to conclude a non-legislated settlement before August 1. The Bill received third reading on July 7.

SENATE DEFEATS BILL C-93

A bill that would have amalgamated the Canada Council, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, and the cultural and academic policies of External Affairs was defeated in the Senate on June 10. This was the first time in nine years that a non-free vote government measure was defeated. Five Conservative senators, including Finlay MacDonald and Norm Atkins, voted against the bill. Three Conservative senators, including former Cabinet minister Pat Carney, abstained.

CONSERVATIVE LEADERSHIP CONVENTION RESULTS

Kim Campbell became the first woman to lead the Progressive Conservative party after a narrow second ballot victory at the party's convention to choose a successor to Brian Mulroney, on June 13. The results were as follows:

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