



MEDIA ADVISORY

Recall of the House

Ottawa, Ontario – March 22, 2020

Pursuant to Standing Order 28(3), the Honourable Anthony Rota, Speaker of the House of Commons, has given notice for the House to meet on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at 12:00 p.m., for the consideration of measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Additional Background

On Friday, March 13, 2020, the House adopted a motion by unanimous consent to stand adjourned until Monday, April 20, 2020, provided that during the adjournment, the House may be recalled, under the provisions of Standing Order 28(3), to consider measures to address the economic impact of COVID-19 and the impacts on the lives of Canadians.

The section entitled “[Recall of the House During an Adjournment](#)” of Chapter 8 of *House of Commons Procedure and Practice*, Third Edition, 2017, specifies that:

When the House stands adjourned during a session, the *Standing Orders* provide the means by which the House may be recalled prior to the date originally specified to transact business as if it had been duly adjourned to the earlier date.

[Standing Order 28\(3\)](#), which provides for a recall of the House, reads:

Whenever the House stands adjourned, if the Speaker is satisfied, after consultation with the government, that the public interest requires that the House should meet at an earlier time, the Speaker may give notice that being so satisfied the House shall meet, and thereupon the House shall meet to transact its business as if it had been duly adjourned to that time.

The House of Commons has been recalled on 12 other occasions, the last time being on September 8, 1992. For a complete list of previous recalls during adjournment periods, please refer to Appendix 12 of *House of Commons Procedure and Practice*, Third Edition, 2017, “[Recalls of the House of Commons During Adjournment Periods Since 1867.](#)”

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