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MLAs elect new Speaker

IQALUIT, Nunavut (March 29, 2000) - Kevin O'Brien, MLA for Arviat, was elected as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut in a secret ballot election held earlier this morning.

Three Members stood for election as Speaker. Mr. O'Brien was declared the winner after one ballot.

In keeping with parliamentary tradition, no campaign speeches were made. All Members of the Legislative Assembly voted in the election, which was held in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly.

Speaker-elect O'Brien said, "I am deeply honoured by the trust and confidence that Members have placed in me. I look forward to serving the House in the best tradition of Canadian Speakers."

The Legislative Assembly will confirm Speaker-elect O'Brien's appointment by motion in the House this afternoon.

The Legislative Assembly is currently in Session.

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