It is with distinct pleasure, Madam Chancellor, that I present this country's chief accountant, Mr. Kenneth Dye, Auditor General of Canada. Now in the final months of a ten-year appointment, the tenacity with which he prosecutes his role as Parliament's watchdog has done much to cull out waste and inefficiency in government spending. "He that goeth about to persuade a multitude that they are not so well governed as they ought to be," it has been said, "shall never want attentive and favourable hearers." We hear through Kenneth Dye's voice that value for money is one charge laid on our governors by a free society.

A Vancouver native, Kenneth Dye became a Chartered Accountant in 1962 and a partner in the national accounting firm of Campbell Sharp four years later. He returned to school to amplify and refresh his management skills, graduating in 1971 at the age of 35 from Simon Fraser University's first Master of Business Administration class. His distinguished private sector career included appointment as President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of British Columbia and as Governor of the Canadian Institute. Mr. Dye is one of a select few Canadians to have been made an Institute Fellow in three provinces — British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec — each honour reflecting the abiding importance he accords accounting education.

His zeal for educational currency within the accounting profession is expressed through his commitment to such international auditing associations as the United Nations Panel of External Auditors and the International Atomic Energy Agency. Kenneth Dye's services to the community speak further of a man who loves his work. He presently serves Scouts Canada as Vice-President of the National Council and Chairman of the Finance Committee, as well as the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa as Chairman of the Audit Committee.

If knowledge gives weight and accomplishments give lustre, Kenneth Dye has combined personal knowledge with the visibility of high office to realize advances in legislative auditing. Through his vigilance, government's financial accountability to the people and our faith in the integrity of public officials has been heightened.

Madam Chancellor, in the name of the Senate of this University, I am pleased to present Kenneth Dye for the Degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.