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Naturally, I deeply appreciate the resolution. It means a great deal to me. But that resolution could never have been written if not for the continuing assistance I had from the field, from all of you. It is cooperation and coordination which makes our office work and we have always received that from the Diocesan Attorneys.

On March 17, a very appropriate day, the new General Counsel, Wilfred R. Caron, assumed his duties. Mr. Caron is originally from New York and was a clerk for the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of that state. After his clerkship he was Special Assistant Attorney General for the State of New York. Thereafter, he was associated with two law firms in New York. He was Assistant General Counsel for the Ronson Corporation and for the last 8 years, has been the Associate General Counsel for the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, an organization which protects investors in stock brokerage firms which have become defunct or bankrupt. He has extensive litigation experience and has outstanding administrative experience. I know Mr. Caron has a few words that he would like to say to you at this time, so may I present Mr. Wilfred Caron.