

Speech from the Throne to open the 40th Parliament ^[1]

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Today, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, delivered the Government's Speech from the Throne to open Canada's 40th Parliament.

Relevant sections include:

Helping all Canadians Participate ^[3]

"Our Government will improve the Universal Child Care Benefit and take measures to increase access to maternity and parental benefits under Employment Insurance."

Ensuring Sound Budgeting ^[4]

"Hard decisions will be needed to keep federal spending under control and focused on results. Grants, contributions and capital expenditures will be placed under the microscope of responsible spending. Departments will have the funding they need to deliver essential programs and services, and no more."

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