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37th Speaker of the House of Commons

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At the outset of the first sitting of the 43rd Parliament, Members of the House of Commons elected the Honourable Anthony Rota as the 37th Speaker of the House of Commons.

About the Speaker of the 43rd Parliament

Mr. Rota, Member for the electoral district of Nipissing—Timiskaming, was first elected in 2004, and served in the 38th Parliament as Chair of the Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs of the Standing Committee on National Defence.

Re-elected in 2006, he was Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs and from 2007 to 2011, he served as the Liberal Party caucus chair. During that time, Mr. Rota also served as critic for the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario. In the 40th Parliament, he was Vice-Chair of the Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology.

In 2011, Mr. Rota joined Nipissing University in North Bay, Ontario, where he served as Director of Government Relations. He ran for re-election in 2015 and won his seat for the 42nd Parliament. On December 9, 2015, he was appointed Assistant Deputy Speaker and Assistant Deputy Chair of Committees of the Whole.

Prior to his election to the House of Commons in 2004, Mr. Rota worked for the National Research Council's Industrial Research Assistance Program as Regional Manager for Ontario and in the field of international technology transfer. He also worked as an entrepreneur in the financial and real estate sector, during which time he served as President of the North Bay and District Chamber of Commerce. He was subsequently elected to city council for the City of North Bay, where he served as Chair for Planning and Economic Development.

Mr. Rota holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a Master of Business Administration. He is fluent in English, French, Italian and Spanish.

Quote

“I am humbled by the show of support by my fellow parliamentarians. I believe in protecting and enhancing the rights of Members of Parliament so that they can serve their constituents and all Canadians effectively.”

– The Honourable Anthony Rota, M.P.

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