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CONGRATULATIONS TO B.C. LIONS

Hon. Larry W. Campbell: Honourable senators, this past weekend Senator Zimmer and I had the honour of attending the Grey Cup on your behalf. To say that it was an arduous and dangerous assignment would be an understatement. Late nights and early mornings were the order of the day.

That the B.C. Lions triumphed over the Montreal Alouettes, of course, is important, but just one of the reasons for celebration. The city of Winnipeg put on a tremendous show. From the Grey Cup parade and the cultural entertainment to the actual game, everything was first-class.

The Grey Cup is a uniquely Canadian event. We reconnect as a country. Fans from coast to coast gather, exchange good-natured jabs and talk about home. This year, our troops were honoured and General Rick Hillier was front and centre during the week.

Finally, I congratulate the Grey Cup committee, headed by David Asper, Premier Gary Doer of the Province of Manitoba, Sam Katz, the Mayor of the City of Winnipeg, and the thousands of volunteers who worked so hard to provide everyone with a safe and memorable time.

Today, in the city of Vancouver, the Grey Cup champions, B.C. Lions, are being welcomed home with a large event at B.C. Place stadium.

Roar, you Lions, roar.
