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### PUBLIC SERVICE

#### REQUEST FOR REPORT ON MEETING OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Mr. Sean O'Sullivan (Hamilton-Wentworth):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. I am sorry to interrupt his discussion with the hon. member. Following the high level meetings of the Public Service Commission held on Monday and Tuesday at Montebello would the hon. gentleman share with this House the interesting and important decisions taken at that conference and conveyed by correspondence to the Prime Minister by Mr. J. J. Carson of the Public Service Commission.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I will discuss this with the minister through whom the Public Service Commission is responsible to the House. I have not followed this conference nor have I seen the correspondence to which the hon. member alludes. I thank him for apologizing when I was speaking to a lady.

**Mr. O'Sullivan:** Mr. Speaker, in sharing the right hon. gentleman's esteem for the hon. lady may I pose this question to the minister—

**An hon. Member:** Simmer down, Simma.

**An hon. Member:** Watch your heart. You will have a stroke.

**Mr. O'Sullivan:** I have always admired calm and control. Might I ask the minister responsible for the Public Service Commission if he has discussed with Mr. Carson the decisions taken at this conference and will he now advise the House just what happened at Montebello on Monday and Tuesday.

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of the Treasury Board):** The Public Service Commission reports to the House of Commons through the Secretary of State who is absent from the House at this moment.

[English]

**Mrs. Holt:** I hardly expected, Mr. Speaker, to be in this House and to see the young gentleman, the handsome man in the grey suit, join the ranks of the front row of Neanderthals. I regret that fact. I am here, gentlemen, as a member of parliament and not as a lady of any description.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. O'Sullivan:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I do not think the matter should proceed any further. The hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. Holt) in fact raises a very valid point of

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order, that is, it has been a long-standing policy of this House that all members be referred to by their constituency—all members equally—and this is a policy that should not be forgotten.

### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

#### MISCELLANEOUS PRIVATE BILLS AND STANDING ORDERS

Presentation of seventh and eighth reports—Mr. Loiselle (Saint-Henri).

With the consent of the House, I intend to move their adoption later today.

[Editor's Note: For text of above reports, see today's Votes and Proceedings.]

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[English]

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY

**Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, next Tuesday, in cities, towns and villages across Canada, our citizens will stand in hushed silence while a senior veteran utters the words: "They shall not grow old". For more than half a century Canadians have paused at the eleventh hour on November 11 to pay tribute to the Canadian men and women who laid down their lives in the service of our country. This is a very special day dedicated to those who died, not just for us but for all those who will follow us.

I feel it is a hallowed day. It is a day when the guns boom in slow and solemn cadence. It is a day when the muffled drums beat their muted rhythm. In the background we hear the sorrowful strains of the piper's lament. The skies are usually cold and grey, befitting the melancholy spirit of the day. Old veterans and young people lay wreaths and are momentarily united in a mutual tribute of sorrow for all those young Canadians who lie in warriors' graves so far from home. Sometimes, in the silence, a small child cries or a dog barks. The sounds are sad, but somehow in keeping with the mood.

Next Tuesday is November 11. It is Remembrance Day in Ottawa and across Canada. It will be marked as the day that honours and mourns the valiant dead who paid for our freedom. The greying veteran will end his recitation of the act of remembrance with the words: "We will remember them".

Mr. Speaker, may I close my remarks to hon. members of this House with the words of Kipling: "Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet—lest we forget, lest we forget".

**Mr. William Knowles (Norfolk-Haldimand):** Mr. Speaker, I should just like to say that we join in the very moving tribute the minister has paid to our fallen in two world wars. We agree with everything the minister has said, because while Remembrance Day is a time for remem-