

Last year, he told me that he loved his work so very much that he could not understand how he could ever get sick. There is no doubt that if love of work, dedication and compassion had been the criteria for a long life, our friend Jean-Claude Malépart would have been eternal.

Yet, our friend has left us. He will remain for quite a long time a source of daily inspiration and motivation.

The first time I was elected to the House of Commons in 1984, Mr. Speaker, Jean-Claude taught me right away the ABC's of good parliamentary life.

He explained to me that if I wanted to promote an idea, I had to work, work, work. I had to do my own work and convey my ideas in clear, colourful and universal understandable sentences. After that, all I would need would be patience, a lot of it, and determination.

This may seem easy, but one needs a lot of willpower to promote a cause the way our colleague did. From now on, every time a cause may seem lost, we should seek and find inspiration in Jean-Claude Malépart's example.

• (1530)

Mr. Speaker: We will now rise and observe a minute of silence.

[English]

[Editor's Note: Whereupon the House stood in silence.]

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Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions among the parties in order to allow members to attend the funeral of Jean Claude Malépart and I think you will find there is consent to put the following motion without debate to the House for approval.

I move:

That the House sit the following hours, and conduct the following business, on Tuesday November 21, Wednesday November 22 and Thursday November 23:

On Tuesday November 21, meeting at 10 o'clock for Statements by Members, Oral Questions at 10.15 a.m., Routine Proceedings at 11 a.m., following which (but, in any case, no later than 11.30 a.m.), the sitting will be suspended until 6 p.m. when Government Orders

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will be called for resumed debate on Bill C-43, with adjournment of the debate and of the House to be at 10 p.m.

On Wednesday November 22 and Thursday November 23, in addition to its normal sitting hours, that the House sit until 9.30 p.m., on resumed debate on Bill C-43; provided that the Adjournment Debate be held at 9.30 p.m.

During the tribute to Mr. Jean Claude Malépart it occurred to me that there might be a possibility that the debate would collapse prior to 9.30 p.m. on Thursday. It was the intention of the Prime Minister, who is in Russia, to enter into the debate on Tuesday, November 28 in the morning right after Routine Proceedings.

Therefore, if at any time prior to 9.30 p.m. on Thursday there are no further speakers, we would simply adjourn the debate on Bill C-43 until Tuesday, November 28 at 11 a.m. This would not preclude any further speakers after the Prime Minister but there would be an effort to use the time of the House wisely and accommodate as many speakers as possible.

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, the draft order that the Minister of Justice has just read out is in conformity with discussions that we had beginning on Friday. Also he has brought to my attention the interest of the Prime Minister in speaking in the debate on the abortion legislation and we would certainly agree with his suggestion in that regard.

However, just as he thought of an additional point in the last few minutes, another one has occurred to me as well. I hope he will give it his consideration as we have given consideration to his request about the Prime Minister, namely, that the Order be amended to make clear that committees of this House are not to sit during the period from 11.30 a.m. to 6 p.m. when the House sitting is to stand suspended so that those who wish to do so can attend the funeral of Jean Claude Malépart.

It has come to my attention that some of the committees intend to sit during the period when the sitting of the House is to be suspended pursuant to the Order. I really do not think that is consistent with the spirit behind the proposed Order.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, I think the remarks of my hon. friend have been helpful and I would agree with the spirit of those remarks. It would be the suggestion of the government that no committees should sit during that time in order to fully respect the arrangements and