

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

TRIBUTE TO LEADERSHIP

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona): Mr. Speaker, almost one year ago today the Hon. Member for Central Nova (Mr. Mulroney) was elected Leader of this Party. As a Canadian from western Canada, permit me to offer three reasons why I believe most voters in all four western provinces will elect his candidates in the upcoming election, whenever it comes.

First, he has already articulated our major economic needs—an energy policy which unites provinces, industry and consumers in common cause; freedom of choice for grain producers instead of compulsory and over-rich payments to the CPR and CNR; opening Canada for business again, particularly in increased exports to America and Pacific rim nations; and retraining Canadians.

Second, under his leadership an outstanding group of men and women have already won fiercely contested PC nominations throughout the West. There is at best now the possibility of a PC victory in every western constituency in the upcoming election, given the NDP drop in support.

Third, my leader has the competence, personal integrity, experience, candidates, and programs to get our economy moving again at high employment levels. The current flurry of pre-election activity by the Liberals in the West and elsewhere can only remind people of the man who abused his wife for years until the day she won a large lottery, and he then arrived with a box of chocolates. In short, the voice of the West will only be heard effectively—

Mr. Speaker: The Chair hesitates to interrupt the Hon. Member, but his time has expired.

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LABOUR CONDITIONSYOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT—EMPLOYMENT MEASURES
ADVOCATED BY LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, during the 16 year tenure of the Liberal Party, youth unemployment has escalated almost beyond belief. In one short year as a Member of Parliament, the Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Mulroney) has compiled innovative policy to take young people off the streets and put them back to work. The Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party has good reason to celebrate his first year in the House of Commons. Through

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his genuine concern for Canada's youth, the bedrock of our society, he has exposed the sham which has become the Liberal Government. There are over 800,000 young people looking for employment. Read it and weep, Mr. Prime Minister, whoever you will be.

While the Liberals propose to apply a mustard plaster to cure the symptoms of fever run amuck, this Party is prepared to treat the cause of the illness. Our Leader has pledged this Party to follow six main principles to aid Canadian youth before it is too late. They include greater co-operation at all levels of government, a more creative approach to the UIC, local action and community self help, accent on the individual, challenging the private sector, and the dissemination of timely and relevant information. There is not time now to explain each measure in detail, but rest assured herein lies the answer that the Liberals have been vainly seeking for 16 years. The Progressive Conservatives have it, and are ready to use it.

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THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I read with interest an interview with the Leader of the Official Opposition which appeared in the weekend Ottawa *Citizen*. He was asked would he rather run against John Turner or Jean Chrétien. The article says:

"It's really six of one, a half dozen of the other", he says without any hesitation.

"I believe people want a fundamental change and they know they are not going to get it with either of them."

He was then asked:

But are Mulroney and Turner not saying a lot that is identical?

His response was:

"John Turner has said absolutely nothing he didn't take from me. Just look at my book, my speeches, my leadership campaign.

It's all there. Word for word."

Mr. Speaker, if the Leader of the Official Opposition is correct, then how can the public expect to get a change if Mr. Turner is copying verbatim what Mr. Mulroney is suggesting? It seems the only question left unanswered is not which is Tweedle-dum, but which is Tweedle-dumber?

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MINES AND MININGMINERS MEMORIAL DAY—TRIBUTE TO CAPE BRETON COAL
MINERS

Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton-East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, as a Member from a coal mining area, one that is proud of its coal mining tradition, I wish to say we approach Miners Memorial Day, June 11, 1984, with a sense of pride and a sense of sorrow. On this date we are reminded of the history of coal mining in Cape Breton and of the role coal mining has played in the shaping of our community. Mining