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As politicians and a new government we would like to take some credit for it. But in the final analysis, it is the people in the workplace who deserve the credit. As politicians we help set goals, give direction and objectives, but that is as far as we can go. If the spirit is willing and the skills are there, then the people who manage the resources on a daily basis are the ones who make it happen on behalf of Canadians.

It is the government's wish that we conclude debate on second reading so it can go to committee. We did spend some time earlier on committee reports that ate up a little bit of time. Therefore, with that in mind, to make sure that members who want to speak have a chance to do so but so that we finish second reading stage today and get it to committee I would move:

That the House continue to sit beyond the ordinary hour of daily adjournment for the purpose of continuing consideration of second reading and reference to a legislative committee of Bill C-34.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The House has heard the terms of the motion moved by the hon. member for Calgary West. The motion is in order and as hon. members know, after the question is put, the Speaker shall ask the members who object to rise in their places.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

And fewer than 15 members having risen:

Mr. Deputy Speaker: There not being 15 members rising, the motion is deemed to be carried.

Motion agreed to.

[Translation]

Mr. Eugène Bellemare (Carleton—Gloucester): Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to support Bill C-34, an Act to establish the Canadian Centre for Management Development and to amend certain Acts in consequence thereof.

[English]

The legislation establishes the Canadian Centre for Management Development as a departmental corporation focusing on the training, orientation and development of senior managers in the federal Public Service. The centre will also conduct research into issues directly related to public sector management and develop teaching materials related to its mandate.

The bill will retain the features of the previous bill, C-148, but establishes the centre as a departmental corporation rather than as a department. As a department corporation the centre will come under the direction of a board of governors composed of chief executive officers from the private sector, senior members of the Canadian academic community and deputy heads of the federal government departments.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, I would now like to pay tribute to John L. Manion, the first "Principal" of the Centre.

[English]

Mr. Manion, the first principal of the Canadian Centre for Management Development served in various functions in the Public Service for the past 37 years. As a dedicated public servant he deferred his retirement to set up this centre. His dedication included his love of helping others and of training people. He served 10 years in Manpower and 15 years in Immigration to rise to the position of Deputy Minister. It is a rare occasion indeed when a deputy minister rises from within staff. In 1979 he moved to Treasury Board before moving on to the Privy Council as senior personnel advisor. It was very fitting that John Manion be appointed as the first principal of the Canadian Centre for Management Development.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, I would like to add that Mr. Manion was named an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1984 and that he received the Public Service Outstanding Achievement Award in 1986. Moreover, in 1989, the Public Administration Institute of Canada awarded him the Vanier Medal in recognition of outstanding achievements and special leadership in public administration in Canada.

I would also like to pay tribute to the person who I think first had the idea of a Canadian centre for management development, the hon member for Ottawa—Vanier.

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[English]

It was the hon. member for Ottawa-Vanier who, in 1974, had the original idea. On October 31, 1977, the hon. member for Ottawa-Vanier introduced Bill C-304 in the House. He is the one who proposed this initiative.