

I want to say that the fact we are having a leadership race but do not have any runners indicates that we feel it is going to be impossible for anyone to replace Ed Broadbent and the kind of Leader he is. Today, Ed, we are paying tribute to you as a parliamentarian, as a friend of all of us here and a friend to all Canadians.

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

**Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa):** Mr. Speaker, all I can say is that there is no Social Democrat like a dead Social Democrat.

I have listened with a great deal of interest to the words that have been spoken today. I want the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and the Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Turner) in particular to know I have considered very carefully what they had to say just a few minutes ago about the role I played in this country, and the importance of expanding our Party in the Province of Quebec as well as elsewhere, and I want them to know I have changed my mind.

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

**Mr. Broadbent:** No, I would not do that. I did doubt what the Prime Minister had to say about my propensity from time to time to enjoy the odd good cigar. I think he mentioned something about my having a nice suit, smoking a cigar on a beach in Rio, and my house in Sandy Hill. I just want to say to the Prime Minister that the people of Canada did not pay for my house or for my cigar, or for the trip to Rio.

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

• (1430)

**Mr. Broadbent:** I did also notice those members of the Cabinet who were a little more reluctant than others to get to their feet, and I will keep that in mind in subsequent Question Periods between now and December. I carefully made note of that. It is on the visual record anyway. We can check those tapes.

As for the Leader of the Opposition, I noticed with a great deal of interest what he had to say about my decision. He said that he did not want it to be seen as a precedent. I noticed the reactions on the face of half his caucus members, and I would be happy to give him that list afterwards.

### *Tribute to Hon. Edward Broadbent*

To be serious for at least a few minutes, on my part I do indeed appreciate the comments made by the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition, and of course my House Leader on behalf of my colleagues here in the House of Commons.

It has been an immense pleasure for me as Leader of the New Democratic Party of Canada to fight strongly and to the best of my abilities for the principles of social democracy.

[*Translation*]

...especially to make a special effort to establish a party able to deal effectively with the Province of Quebec and Eastern Canada. I find it very important, in that context, to listen to leaders and also the opinions of others who recently wrote letters, such as members of this historic House. It is one thing to work very hard, but it is something quite different to obtain the respect of one's opponents. May I express my very sincere thanks for these moments!

[*English*]

In the days ahead, in fact starting probably in about three minutes, all the opinions I have had in the past 14 years as Leader will be brought to bear in the Question Period. I say to my fellow Members of the House of Commons who happen to be members of Cabinet, Ministers of the Crown, that my vigorous debate, my points of order, and my questions of privilege have absolutely nothing personal in them, but look out.

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### HOUSE OF COMMONS

#### PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF SASKATCHEWAN PREMIER

**Mr. Speaker:** I wish to draw to the Members' attention the presence in the gallery of the Honourable Grant Devine, Premier of the Province of Saskatchewan and Minister of Agriculture.

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

#### PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF MANITOBA ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Mr. Speaker:** Also I wish to draw to the Members' attention the presence in the gallery of the Honourable Jim McCrae, Attorney General for Manitoba and Minister for Co-Operative, Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

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