

The Address—Mr. Nystrom

unilateral action. The days of government heavy-handedly telling people what is good for them are over. With those days being over, we have a government which will truly listen to the ideals, aspirations and dreams of Canadians from all walks of life.

In The Battlefords-Meadow Lake the change of Government, and the directions which the Government plans to undertake, have been welcomed. The people who have placed their trust in me by electing me to this Parliament are people who know that one does not spend money on what one does not have. One does not bully and force your way on others when talking out a problem may create exciting, new possibilities and solutions which were earlier thought impossible. That is the way in which most well-intentioned Canadians of good judgment have lived their lives and that is what most Canadians wanted on September 4.

Lamentably, the federal government of the past has not lived up to this expectation. This will change. I am proud to be a part of that change and I am proud to be a part of bringing some long-awaited and positive moves to this country.

As the youngest Member of Parliament ever elected from northwest Saskatchewan, and as one of the younger Members of the House, I take a great interest in the future of this country. The future, as seen by other young Canadians, is a future to be challenged and conquered. Through an era of reconciliation, as expressed by the Government in the Speech from the Throne, all Canadians will be able to search mutually and share in new views and new ways of addressing our national obligations and responsibilities. With a united commitment among all of us to consensus, tolerance and fairness, our country will be a better place to live for those of my generation and the generation of our children.

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I would first like to say a few words of thanks to my constituents for once again re-electing me to this Chamber for the sixth time. Obviously I was either very lucky, or else the constituents of Yorkton-Melville were very wise in their choice.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, it would seem to me that we did not have a period of questions and comments.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member is right. I looked on both sides of the House and did not see any Member rising. I apologize, but I had not given the floor to the Hon. Member for Hamilton East (Ms. Copps)—

[*English*]

Ms. Copps: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I do not think the Member was standing up.

Ms. Copps: Mr. Speaker, in terms of the order, if in fact there are no questions from the floor, do you revert to the Official Opposition or do you revert to the third Party? There

was in fact a Member standing from the Official Opposition to make his response to the Throne Speech.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In terms of the order, what I will do for the rest of the day is to choose two from the Government, one from the Official Opposition, one from the NDP; two from the Government, one from the Official Opposition and one from the NDP. We had a Liberal member a little while ago; I have recognized two from the Government and one from the NDP. The next speaker would normally be a Liberal, and then two from the Government and one from the NDP.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Gauthier: To clear the matter up, I think there was a misunderstanding because you did not ask the usual question as to whether there were questions and comments. The Hon. Member rose to make her speech, thinking that she would be given the floor, and I am sorry if there was a misunderstanding. But we will accept—

[*English*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Proceeding with debate, the Hon. Member for Yorkton-Melville has the floor.

Mr. Nystrom: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As I said previously, I want to thank the voters in my constituency for once again re-electing me to this Chamber. It is something which I appreciate and I will try to do as much as I possibly can for everyone in that riding.

[*Translation*]

I want to congratulate the new Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. Mulroney) as well as his government, his Ministers and his colleagues in the House, and all the other new Members of the Liberal Party and of the New Democratic Party.

[*English*]

I would also like to commend the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) about one thing that I liked in the Throne Speech—which is a welcome break from the past—and that is the emphasis on consensus, the emphasis on trying to find some co-operation in this country. It is a consensus for working together. I think that is very good because we are a federal state and in the past there has been too much confrontation, too much unilateral action which has led to all kinds of regional frictions between our peoples, the provinces and the federal Government.

I also want to say that I am pleased to see in the Throne Speech a reference to the fact that there will be a special committee, headed by the Hon. Member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath), to look into the reform of the rules of the House in order that the average Member in the House can have more input and power over the direction that the country is moving toward. I think it is time that that sort of thing happened, because in the past there has been much too much power given to the Prime Minister's Office as well as the offices of the various Ministers of the Government. I hope that this is a sincere move on behalf of the Government. If it is, it will be a worth-while contribution to this new Parliament.