

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Lawrence: I mean that as strongly as I can. In the past, when the House began sitting each day at two o'clock, the situation was completely different. Obviously, the rules then called for the Question Period and the routine procedures before the Question Period. However, today the House started at eleven o'clock in the morning and a question of privilege came before the House. I most strongly suggest that it should have been carried on, and it should be carried on right now. I think it is an unwarranted intrusion by the occupant of the Chair, who is the servant of the House, or should be the servant of the House—

Some Hon. Members: Shame.

Mr. Lawrence: —not to hear argument when a matter such as this comes along.

Madam Speaker: Order. The time allotted to the Hon. Member has expired.

The Hon. Member for Mission-Port Moody.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

FAREWELL ADDRESS BY MEMBER FOR MISSION-PORT MOODY

Mr. Mark Rose (Mission-Port Moody): I trust, Madam Speaker, that you will not subtract the time of the applause from my 90 seconds. I am under no illusions that what I have to say here today will blast the Lalonde budget controversy off the front pages of every major newspaper in the country. But what I have to say today is a matter of tremendous importance, at least to me.

I would like to say that I will soon be leaving this place, I guess forever, because I intend, as many Hon. Members know, to stand as a candidate for the legislature in British Columbia. Therefore, it means that pretty soon I will have to quit. I think that perhaps my action might be well emulated by others.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An Hon. Member: Lalonde.

Mr. Rose: One Mark deserves another, perhaps.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Rose: I know that all Hon. Members, even in their most rancorous moods, never forget that, despite our noises here, we are pretty fond of one another. I will miss all the people with whom I have become friends, both colleagues and staff, over the last 15 years, especially my Leader and my own colleagues.

An Hon. Member: And the IPU.

Mr. Rose: And the IPU. Members of my Caucus have a unique place in my heart and I will certainly miss them. What

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I will not miss are the tedious plane rides, and mushing through a snowstorm on April 19.

Some men struggle all their lives to get here, and never make it. I have been honoured to be returned here four times, and I think it is in order that I thank my constituents for their loyalty and faith, if not patience. I trust I have deserved it.

In any case, the federal Government did Mr. Stuart Leggatt, a former Hon. Member, the honour of appointing him to the bench. Therefore the reason I am leaving is the Government's fault. We in the West blame everything on the Liberal Government, even the snow. But mostly we blame it for its lack of economic leadership, and we are serious about that because we desperately need leadership.

Seriously, however, I leave because I am genuinely concerned about some disturbing trends in the Province of British Columbia, and if I have any future political career I would like to make that contribution, and I am determined to make that contribution, to the political life of British Columbia, in British Columbia.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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FINANCE

ALLEGED BUDGET LEAK—REQUEST FOR RESIGNATION OF MINISTER OF FINANCE

Hon. Sinclair Stevens (York-Peel): Madam Speaker, in view of the story with which we are well acquainted, for example, *The Citizen* indicating that a budget leak occurred yesterday evening, in which a deficit of \$31.2 billion is anticipated for the forthcoming year, and in view of the fact that this is an example of gross negligence on the part of a Minister, a breach of a Minister's oath of secrecy, something totally unacceptable in our parliamentary system, would the Prime Minister indicate whether he has received the resignation of the Minister of Finance and, if so, whether he has accepted it?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, I do not see any need to deal with this question. There is no question of resignation, in my mind. The Hon. Member speaks of a budget leak. How can he know that until he has seen the budget and seen whether there has been any leak from that budget, Madam Speaker?

REQUEST FOR DENIAL OF LEAK

Hon. Sinclair Stevens (York-Peel): Madam Speaker, in view of the Prime Minister's reply to my first question, I