

S. O. 31

Madam Deputy Speaker: It being one o'clock, the House will now be recessed until two o'clock p.m.

The House took recess at 12.23 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[English]

D-DAY ANNIVERSARY

Mr. George Proud (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, today marks the 47th anniversary of D-Day: June 6, 1944, the day when the Third Canadian Infantry Division and the Second Canadian Armoured Brigade went ashore on Juno Beach to participate in the invasion which would achieve the liberation of western Europe from Nazi tyranny.

Canadians take pride in knowing that our troops were a major part of this armada. Over 15,000 Canadians, one-fifth of the total allied invasion force, established themselves on the Normandy beaches that day. Our army, navy and air force all played notable roles in the invasion.

Let us bless the memory of those Canadians who fought in this invasion. Let us bless those who did not make it home and were buried in Europe. Let us also bless those who went on to liberate the Netherlands less than a year later. All of them helped to restore freedom.

Mr. Speaker, 47 years ago the prospect of freedom came ashore in Normandy. Let us never forget those who were there for us on that day, and let us never forget those who died for our freedom on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

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JUSTICE

Mr. Bill Attewell (Markham—Whitchurch—Stouffville): Mr. Speaker, the following statement was made by convicted murderer, Allan George Foster, after sentencing for the murder of three women while on parole. He said: "There is only one thing crazier than me and that is the system that allows me to do what I do".

Many Canadians have become terrified as a result of violent crimes not only by adults but by young offenders. Whether in a mall, a poorly lit street or a parking lot, women are worried about their safety.

One of the root causes of these violent crimes is our justice system, which either renders an all too short prison sentence or grants a too lenient parole.

I call upon the Minister of Justice to address this issue. Let us restore law and order in this country.

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SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD

Mr. Jim Jordan (Leeds—Grenville): Mr. Speaker, today is the 100th anniversary of the death of Canada's first Prime Minister and first member of Parliament from Kingston, the Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, who is also being recognized at his grave site today in Kingston.

Perhaps, more than any figure in our history, Sir John A. Macdonald is recognized as the driving force behind Confederation. His unwavering conviction that Quebec, Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia could become prosperous and strong by forming a political union under one flag, serves as a guide for us today as we review our constitutional agreements.

During his political career he was elected to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada seven times and was Prime Minister for 19 years. He is truly the Father of Canada.

On the 100th anniversary of his death, I urge all Canadians to reflect on the trials and obstacles he overcame in order to forge a nation which today is one of the wealthiest in the world.

By capturing the spirit and confidence he held in Canada, we can continue to make our country prosperous and continue to uphold the proud legacy he left behind.

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CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

Hon. Alan Redway (Don Valley East): Mr. Speaker, according to a recent public opinion poll, 68 per cent of Canadians outside Quebec and 57 per cent of Canadians in Quebec favour holding a constituent assembly to resolve our national unity crisis.