

Routine Proceedings

On behalf of my colleagues in the New Democratic Party we want to say that our hearts, thoughts and prayers are with his family today.

I also want to join with my colleagues in recognizing the passing of Mr. Ged Baldwin who served for 20—some years that great district of Peace River in northwestern Alberta. He was a fine and distinguished gentleman.

As a House leader he distinguished himself in terms of the understanding and use of the rules in appropriate and yet creative ways to advance the cause of his colleagues and his party.

His reputation as a parliamentarian is demonstrated by the fact that he was elected time and time again with excellent majorities.

If we could all have a model in terms of parliamentary behaviour and how to conduct ourselves on behalf of our constituents and our country, it would be to follow in the footsteps of a gentleman like Ged Baldwin.

Again our hearts, our thoughts and our prayers go out to his wife and his family today.

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I do not think it is necessary for me to say too much about Ged Baldwin, having earlier today paid tribute to him.

I simply want to say that he was a fine man, a real gentleman and in many ways respected the best and represented the best of this institution, having made a positive contribution to it for many years.

It was my privilege to follow him. He is an example I often look to in terms of behaviour and attitude. He is a man who paved a lot of roads for me within my own constituency.

Personally, I am very thankful to him for all that he has done for my riding and for the country and for our party and also for this House.

At the same time I want to thank the Leader of the Opposition for his kind words. I know that Ged's family will appreciate that, and also the kind words of the New Democratic House leader. Ged's family will appreciate that as well.

• (1540)

[Translation]

POINT OF ORDER**MEMBER FOR RICHELIEU—PARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE—SPEAKER'S RULING**

Mr. Speaker: Last October, the hon. member for Richelieu raised a point of order following an exchange between the Prime Minister and the hon. member for Shefford. He asked the Chair whether the words "hypocrite" and "stupid" could be considered parliamentary. I answered him that in general, the word "hypocrite" is not parliamentary, but the context in which it was said must be considered. Nevertheless, I promised to look into the matter and make a ruling on it.

I very carefully examined *Hansard* for October 9, 1991 and I am now ready to render my decision. I concluded that the Prime Minister's words, at the time they were spoken, did not lead to disorder in the House. I therefore refer the hon. member to my decision of February 10, 1986 and I consider this matter closed.

[English]

Having said that I also remind hon. members that words that in one context may survive the patience of hon. members may in another context not survive it. I would ask all hon. members to exercise restraint and consideration for each other when either putting questions or responding or entering into debate.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

ORDER IN COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**TABLING OF APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to table in both official languages a number of Order in Council appointments which were made by the government.