

He will be remembered by colleagues here as an exceptionally able debater and also as a gifted and serious participant in the legislative process. He brought a wealth of experience to discussions of public policy, notably on legal questions but also on business and economic issues.

David Walker began his political service at the age of 14 as a Page in the Ontario Legislature. As a 19-year old at the University of Toronto, he debated Mackenzie King, knew most of our provincial and federal leaders over the years and attended all the Conservative Party conventions from 1927 to the 1990s. He was President of the Albany Club of Toronto in 1949.

The Conservative Party especially, but also Parliament, has reason to acknowledge with gratitude his 32 years of service here and his even longer service to his profession, to his party and to Canada.

Hon. Richard J. Stanbury: Honourable senators, I should like to join Senator Murray in paying tribute to the former Senator David James Walker who passed away on September 22 at the age of 90 years.

I have known Senator Walker since about 1949, and always had a deep respect for him. Fervently partisan and fiercely patriotic, Senator Walker had a long record of public service in this country. Born in Toronto, he attended University College at the University of Toronto, and graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School in 1931.

Law was certainly the seed of his interest in political life, and for many years he worked as a Crown prosecutor and as a civil lawyer before being elected as the member of Parliament for Rosedale in 1957.

I recall that on one of my earliest court appearances, I felt called upon to apologize to the court because of some oversight. Dave Walker was in the locker room when I went to ungown after we had both left the court. He looked at me sternly and said, "My boy, never admit you're wrong. I never do." I am not sure I was ever able to accept that advice, but David certainly believed it to be an important principle.

His tenure in the House of Commons was highlighted by his assistance in drafting then Prime Minister Diefenbaker's Bill of Rights and by his work as Minister of Public Works from 1959 until 1962, which Senator Murray has delineated. He was a passionate loyalist of John Diefenbaker.

Appointed to the Senate in 1963 in the dying days of Mr. Diefenbaker's regime, David Walker was actively involved in the proceedings of this place until his retirement in 1989. He worked on several committees, in particular, Banking, Trade and Commerce, Legal and Constitutional Affairs, National Finance, and Standing Rules and Orders. His interventions in the Senate were frequent and on a diverse selection of issues.

There was certainly no mistaking the spirit and drive with which he tackled his job — sometimes a little bit too much so for those of us who went up against him in many spirited, political battles over the years. I never knew anyone so adept at making a sarcastic remark that could destroy another's logic. Indeed, at his retirement he said, "As a lawyer, I was always glad to have the

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last word. That is an experience that I have always enjoyed, and have always sought after."

In his private life, however, he had a great love and commitment to his family. In his book, *Fun Along the Way*, he writes:

When I first sat down to write this account of my life...I had one ambition still unrealized: to celebrate with Bunt —

— that is his wife, Elizabeth —

— our fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Not only did he go on to celebrate that anniversary, but on September 2 of this year, he and Elizabeth had been married for 62 years. To Elizabeth, to his children, David, Margaret and Diane, and to his many other family members and friends, we extend our condolences.

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THE LATE RIGHT HONOURABLE JEAN-LUC PEPIN, P.C.

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Hon. Jean-Robert Gauthier: Honourable senators, on September 5, this country suffered a great loss, that of the Honourable Jean-Luc Pepin. In recalling this great Canadian, I think of a friend whose ever-present smile and good humour spoke of his *joie de vivre*. He was a passionate intellectual and a philosopher, a man of great culture who communicated his ideas with eloquence. A man of singular modesty, he knew how to listen to others, whose ideas he respected.

I am saddened at the loss of this sincere friend who, like myself, believed in a united Canada where the two language communities could live side by side anywhere in the country. I consider it an honour and a privilege to have shared conversations with him regularly on subjects of mutual interest.

An honest politician, an inveterate worker, a man of conviction, Jean-Luc Pepin left his mark wherever he went. He never failed to meet the challenges sent his way.

He was a professor at the University of Ottawa for many years. He was a member of Parliament from 1963 to 1968 and from 1979 to 1984. He served as Minister of Mines and Resources, Minister of Transport and Minister for External Relations. He held almost all the portfolios. He would have been a good prime minister.

He did not shy away from co-chairing the Pepin-Robarts Commission on Canadian unity or the Anti-Inflation Board. He always gave his best. This is why hundreds of people gathered at the Notre-Dame basilica on September 12 to accompany this great man on his final voyage and to pay him tribute for his immense contribution to Canadian life.

Most honourable Jean-Luc Pepin, very dear friend, thank you for your contribution to our country's development and thank you for the political inheritance you have left us. You will remain in our hearts as you were a part of our lives.