

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Monday, April 8, 1991

The House met at 2 p.m.

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## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[*English*]

### THE BUDGET

**Mr. John Manley (Ottawa South):** Mr. Speaker, this morning the Liberal Party launched its campaign to bring to the attention of the public the need to defend Canadian workers against the latest attacks by the Tory government.

In its budget, the government, by example, told every employer to forget about bargaining rights and to threaten workers with job cuts and increase contracting out in order to block wage increases.

From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today on Parliament Hill, we are giving provincial and federal Public Service workers, pensioners and members of the employment equity target groups, teachers and the academic community a chance to voice their opposition to such blackmail.

When the government is threatening bad faith bargaining, back-to-work legislation and interference in the conciliation-arbitration process, the rights of Canadian workers and service to the public are in jeopardy.

Other such forums will take place on April 22 in Thunder Bay and Kingston. We encourage all Canadian workers to participate and to help us to tell the government that enough is enough.

[*Translation*]

### TRIBUTE TO THE LATE LIEUTENANT-COLONEL MAURICE HALLÉ

**Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec-Est):** Mr. Speaker, my colleague from Brome—Missisquoi, Gabrielle Bertrand, who is not here today, has asked me to inform the House of the passing on April 5 last of the former member for that riding, Lieutenant-Colonel Maurice Hallé. Mr. Hallé served in this House from 1940 to 1947.

To Mrs. Hallé and her family we offer our deepest sympathies during this trying time.

**Mr. Speaker:** I thank the hon. member.

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[*English*]

### HOUSING

**Hon. Alan Redway (Don Valley East):** Mr. Speaker, the Allaire report and the C.D. Howe Institute have both recommended that housing become exclusively a provincial responsibility.

Before rushing to a decision, let us remember that federal government housing programs are available everywhere in Canada. Let us remember, as well, that only federal government mortgage insurance is available everywhere in Canada, and that mortgage insurance has helped to build one-third of the homes in our country. Let us also remember that the federal government programs have made possible 640,000 homes for low-income Canadians, homes which form an essential part of our national social safety net.

If housing does become exclusively a provincial responsibility, will mortgage insurance be available everywhere in Canada? Will we have a housing social safety net? Will our taxes go down? What do you think, Mr. Speaker?