

Whether it is abolishing for instance the Canadian Sports Pool Corporation, a rash program that not only was a poor gamble but also reneged on an agreement reached with the provinces by the Clark Government in 1979.

Whether it is disbanding the Canadian Unity Information Office, about which an editorial in *La Presse* very aptly said that one of its accomplishments has been to antagonize Quebecers of all leanings.

Whether it is the Petromont issue, where caution and realism dictated that the governments involved should allow for the short-term survival of the firm, in order to open the door to more permanent and comprehensive solutions.

Whether it is the announcement that some Crown corporations were put on the auction block, a process under which the role of the Government as an entrepreneur will be progressively revised in areas more in line with private entrepreneurship.

Whether it is the agreement reached in recent days between the Secretary of State, the Hon. Walter McLean, and the Quebec Minister of Education, Mr. Yves Bérubé, on grants to Quebec universities under the specialization center program, which had been jeopardized by the Secretary of State in the previous government for reasons at the time very obscure to me, unless it were too clear an illustration of the "Big Brother knows best" approach.

Whether it is the numerous meetings held with their provincial counterparts by the new cabinet ministers following their appointments, to wit the Minister of Communications, the Minister of Employment and Immigration, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, the Minister of Communications and several others. All the examples which I have just mentioned of decisions made and action taken by ministers in order to re-establish the necessary dialogue between the two levels of government bear the imprint of the style and manner of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, something he stressed on many occasions both during and after the election campaign would be one of the major traits of his government.

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This consistency and continuity both in intention and action are the cornerstone on which rests the trust which Canadians have clearly expressed on September 4 to him and his party.

Honourable senators, during this session which is just beginning, we shall be called upon to work together and implement the extensive legislative program which the government has developed.

I trust that we will fully assume our responsibilities with due respect to our Parliamentary duties and taking into account the current circumstances.

On motion of Senator MacEachen, debate adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, November 13, 1984, at 2 p.m.

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