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That is what the Liberal member of caucus for Essex-Kent said. How will he vote today? I think I know how he, the hon. member for Kitchener and the hon. member for Guelph will vote today. I suspect their constituents know as well.

Following that interview, there was a follow-up article in *The Windsor Star* which dealt with that interview and pointed out the responsibilities the hon. member has to speak out on behalf of his constituents. Under the headline "When you're just a nobody, MPs' platitudes won't keep you warm or fill your stomach" in *The Windsor Star* of February 9, this is what Georgina Woltz said:

A recent article in *The Star* by Gord Henderson centred on Essex-Kent Liberal MP Bob Daudlin, who like other Liberal MPs has expressed concern and outrage at what has been happening to their constituents as a result of present economic policies. However, when a recent no confidence vote on the budget was called for in the House of Commons, we heard nothing about any Liberal MP or cabinet minister, including Daudlin, opposing the budget or in any way criticizing Liberal economic policies. Like good little sheep they dutifully voted down the no-confidence motion and its amendment.

To vote against the Liberal hierarchy would be political suicide and it would appear that principles, integrity, the trust given to these elected representatives and the concern of the people they have promised to serve, lead to too high a price to pay for the possibility of losing favour with party leaders. After all, they must look after number one and if they can get by with a few band-aid remedies—a few crumbs to silence the more vocal—well, who knows how long they might survive? Never mind the hurting "nobodies" back home, party loyalty must take precedence.

That is the response of people in the Essex area to the statement made by the hon. member.

What about the hon. member for Guelph? Will he speak out today? Will he vote at five o'clock today to represent his constituents? A very similar article appeared in the *Guelph Mercury* on January 16, 1982, after the hon. member for Guelph had been receiving representations from his constituents that it was time he spoke up on their behalf. That is what Bruce Laplaunte, a staff writer for the daily *Mercury* in Guelph said:

If Schroder is the decent man I think he is—

Some hon. Members: Order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. The Chair has been very lenient. The hon. member is quoting from certain newspapers, and he is allowed to do so, but there is a rule we abide by in the House that when hon. members are referred to, they must be referred to by their constituencies and not by their names, and I invite the hon. member to do that.

Mr. Nielsen: Not when you are quoting.

Mr. Beatty: I might pursue that at another time, Mr. Speaker, but I will not now. I will be pleased to abide by your ruling, but I think it is important all hon. members know which constituency my friend is from. It is the constituency of Guelph. This article says that if the hon. member for Guelph is, and I quote:

—the decent man I think he is, he has to know it's time to stop acting like a party lackey, to stand up in the House and tell (the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance) he can't sell his soul for a backbench seat on the government side.

It is not the Liberals who are ruining this country and dashing the dreams and hard work of most of us. It's that damned silly, pointy-headed academic at the helm—and those who play patSY to him.

Please!

And the article refers to the hon. member for Guelph.

—own up to that. Save your soul. And, in the process, your country.

That was the position taken by a columnist, Mr. Bruce Laplaunte, who is with the Guelph daily *Mercury*, about the hon. member for Guelph. His constituents will be watching today to see how the hon. member for Guelph votes.

Mr. Simmons: They won't be proud of you.

Mr. Beatty: Members of Parliament from other constituencies have also made statements. The hon. member for Niagara Falls (Mr. MacBain) has called upon the Prime Minister to step aside and has said it is time for a new Liberal leader. He has also attacked the policies of the Minister of Finance and the Governor of the Bank of Canada. Where will he be today at five o'clock? Will he represent his constituents?

What about the hon. member for Sarnia-Lambton (Mr. Cullen)? I want to read to hon. members what was said in *The Globe and Mail* on January 14, 1982. It reads as follows:

Former Liberal cabinet minister—

The article mentions the hon. member for Sarnia-Lambton.

—said there are parts of the federal budget he still does not like.

He said:

—some members of the party who had concerns demanded a meeting with—

The Minister of Finance.

—and 17 changes to the budget have resulted. "It indicates to the public that we are not sheep in there,"—

We will see today whether that is true and whether the hon. member for Sarnia-Lambton is a sheep or whether he puts his constituents first.

What about the Minister of Agriculture? What has he said? He has made himself very clear. He gave a speech in London earlier this year. He had written a speech, but ultimately refused to use it. Instead, the hon. member for Lambton-Middlesex (Mr. Ferguson) gave a speech on the minister's behalf in which he was very critical of the budget and said he would press to have it changed. The constituents of the hon. member for Lambton-Middlesex will be watching today too. However, the text prepared for release by the Minister of Agriculture said this:

While these anti-inflation measures are necessary medicine for the long-term, I know that some aspects of the budget were unfair and I campaigned to get those things changed. I think that some officials in the finance department didn't quite understand how some of the budget items affect people like farmers.

What will happen today when the Minister of Agriculture is called upon? The London *Free Press* of January 19 dealt with the minister and said:

Even publicly, Whelan's remarks are unusual for a cabinet minister in their blunt criticism of a fellow minister. He says he sent "several letters" to (the Minister of Finance) after the budget was introduced November 12. Did (the Minister of Agriculture) express concern about the budget's plan to drop the income-averaging tax provisions? "You want to believe I did," he says.