

typical low blow, or kick-below-the-belt tactics of the pit bulls of the Tory Party.

**Senator Perrault:** Disgusting!

**THE LATE HONOURABLE  
BRUCE HUTCHISON, P.C.**

TRIBUTES

**Hon. Joyce Fairbairn:** Honourable senators, I would not want the occasion to pass without adding to the expressions of sentiment of others in this house my respect and affection for the late Bruce Hutchison. So often when we eulogise people here we have to do it in terms of our own relationship with them, and very often in terms of what they have done for us. Bruce Hutchison has a very special place in my memory because he was one of those who agreed back in the 1960s to support a move within FP Publications, which was the chain to which his newspaper belonged, to take a gamble, for the first time, on having a resident woman in the FP Bureau here in Ottawa.

I was dispatched across the country on a tour of newspapers in that chain, and was grilled by editors and publishers about myself and why I had been chosen for the job, until I got to Victoria. Mr. Hutchison was not in the office. He said, "Come out to my home," which was outside Victoria, where we sat under a tree and he told me his philosophy of journalism, which he finally reduced to two words, and they were, "Be honest".

That is what Bruce Hutchison always was. Not only was he a superb writer but he knew the heart and soul and measure of the pace of this country as perhaps few others ever have.

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Bruce Hutchison did not confine himself strictly to writing about his country in isolation, but almost every year took a leave of absence to travel to Washington, or to travel to London, and spent time putting Canadian problems and Canadian concerns and opportunities in a larger context.

He was a gentle man, a kind man, and for all of us who have read him and known him, this is a sad day, but he leaves an absolutely memorable legacy in this country.

**Hon. Pat Carney:** Honourable colleagues, I would also like to make a few brief comments on the contribution that the Hon. Bruce Hutchison, P.C., has made to this country. He was the essence of British Columbia. He was the essence of Canada. He represented many values that we all cherish. He was an environmentalist before the rest of us ever thought of the concept. He cherished the independence of Canada and those Canadian values that I hope our new Constitution can encompass in the Canada clause.

I also want to point out something which may have been overlooked, although I did not hear the words of Senator Doyle. Bruce Hutchison was a writer who still practised his craft at the age of 91. He regularly wrote a column for *The Vancouver Sun* of such candour and brilliance that it would

never occur to anyone to wonder the age of the author. He serves as a reminder to Canadians that one is never too old to practise one's craft in this country; one is never too old to love one's country.

As we enter this important debate on the referendum, a debate that British Columbians have many problems with and many questions about, we will miss his counsel, we will miss his advice and I would love to know how he would have voted, Senator Perrault.

**GENERAL ELECTION**

NUMBER OF DAYS LEFT IN CURRENT TERM

**Hon. Royce Frith (Leader of the Opposition):** Honourable senators, the election clock is still ticking. For those of you on the government side whom Senator Murray would describe as democrats, there are 66 days left before the election should be called. If, however, in the words of Senator Murray, any of you are—and I am sure none of you are—contemptuous cowards of democracy, then you have 452 days left.

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[Translation]

**GOODS AND SERVICES TAX**

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

**Hon. Jacques Hébert:** Honourable senators, I have the honour to present petitions signed by 525 citizens of British Columbia who oppose the goods and services tax.

These petitions come mainly from Kamloops and Vancouver.

I also have the honour to present petitions signed by 527 citizens of British Columbia who oppose the goods and services tax.

These petitions come mainly from Victoria, Kamloops, Terrace and Logan Lake.

I have the honour to present petitions signed by 77 citizens of Ontario who oppose the goods and services tax.

These petitions come mainly from Toronto, Oakville, Scarborough, Bradford, Hamilton and Mississauga.

Honourable senators, I also have the honour to present petitions signed by 503 citizens of British Columbia who oppose the goods and services tax.

These petitions come mainly from Kamloops and Clearwater.

Finally, I have the honour to present petitions signed by 541 citizens of British Columbia who oppose the goods and services tax.