

For those of us who did not personally know this remarkable woman, we have still with us an introduction to her in the form of her autobiography entitled "My Life". In it she stated that despite all her accomplishments as a citizen, high government official, minister of the state and first minister, all that she did during her life in Israel and outside it, her proudest achievement was the three years she spent as a young woman at Merhavia, a kibbutz.

When a Jew dies, the friends and family sit Shiva, a seven-day period of mourning. For the death of Golda Meir, a nation will mourn, and for much longer than seven days.

On behalf of my colleagues and my constituents, I would like to say to the nation of Israel and its people around the world, in the words of the Hebrew prayer, "Hashem yinochem et hem", or, may the Lord console you.

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues of the New Democratic Party I am pleased to associate myself with the hon. member for York Centre (Mr. Kaplan) and the hon. member for Eglinton (Mr. Parker) in these few words of tribute to a great woman, the late Golda Meir. We are pleased that our party was also represented at the funeral service in Jerusalem by my colleague, the hon. member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow), and we extend our appreciation to the government for arranging the trip to Israel for a delegation representing both Houses of Parliament.

I am happy to join the two preceding speakers in the words of tribute they have spoken to the life and contribution of Golda Meir.

I should like to add—I suppose it is because I am a grandparent myself that I noticed it—that I believe the last time that Golda Meir was seen on television around the world was during the visit of President Sadat to Israel when she, as a grandmother, gave him a present for a grandchild which had just been born to the President of Egypt. I mention that because it tells us that Golda Meir was not only the strong public international figure we knew her to be, but that she was a warm human being, and we join in this tribute to her memory today.

[Translation]

**Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, it is with eagerness that I join my colleagues today in paying tribute to that great lady, Mrs. Golda Meir. As a member of the delegation Canada sent to Jerusalem to attend her funeral, I had the opportunity of seeing that the Hebrew people have lost one of their greatest historical figures whom they had surnamed "Mother Courage". She lived through exile and persecution which doubtless shaped her character and determination. She also helped to build her country as ambassador, member of the Knesset, minister and prime minister. Her public life and her political life did not prevent her, however, from fulfilling her role as a wife, mother and woman. Ben Gurion said of her "She is the only man in my government" which shows how great a role she played in the life of her

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country: she was a model of courage for the State of Israel and the whole wide world. Her memory will doubtless remain engraved in the minds of men for a long time to come.

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### CANADA NON-PROFIT CORPORATIONS ACT

#### MEASURE RESPECTING CHARITABLE CORPORATIONS

The House resumed from Monday, December 11, consideration of the motion of Mr. Allmand that Bill S-4, respecting Canadian non-profit corporations, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs.

**Mr. Arnold Malone (Battle River):** Mr. Speaker, I take a great sense of pride in being able to talk about Bill S-4 because it deals with the regulations affecting volunteer organizations in Canada. At the outset, I should like to place before the House the importance of volunteer organizations, and then follow through with some of the concerns regarding this specific piece of legislation.

No great nation has reached a state of greatness without the framework of volunteer endeavours. Volunteerism is the true concept of pioneering. I come from the prairies which witnessed, approximately two generations ago, settlers who came to start what turned into the agricultural communities of Manitoba, Alberta, and Saskatchewan. They became the lumbering people of British Columbia and the miners of the north. They were part of the gold rush in the northern areas of the western provinces and the territories. Those people believed in the volunteer concept. Those men and women headed west with nothing but Red River carts and the will to achieve. They were without staples, the normal supply of food. They lacked the shelter by which they would normally be comforted. We recognize that it was the intuitive will of the human being to grasp for something greater which provided the strength of the nation.

Innate within human beings is the natural instinct for curiosity and ambition. As a farm boy I observed that natural instinct in all young, higher mammals. One can see it in young children, puppies and kittens. Anything which limits natural curiosity comes about by an imposed set of regulations and rules. In all societies, obviously rules are necessary. When I take a look at Bill S-4 I am concerned that it contains more than 200 clauses relating to the manner in which volunteers will work effectively within Canadian society.

If Bill S-4 became law in its present form, we would be faced with a situation where those who wanted of their own initiative and ambition to contribute to the fabric of Canadian welfare would require secretarial, legal and accounting staffs, as well as all paraphernalia surrounding economic and political structures. This is a very, very serious retrograde step, a step which could plunge Canada into attitudes which are prevalent