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Mr. Broadbent: I wish to make two particular points about the Member for Winnipeg North. First, he is one who knows what some of us don't learn—and I think perhaps it may be why some are eventually defeated as Members of this House—that we must always remember those who vote for us. The men and women in his particular constituency are the people who elected him here, and their concerns are front and centre when it comes to his participation in this place.

One does not normally talk about what goes on in caucus, but I can tell Hon. Members that when there are matters that may affect the City of Winnipeg, those matters are brought to the attention of our caucus and this House by the Hon. Member for Winnipeg North. He remembers those who vote for him.

I should like to pay particular tribute to David Orlikow, if I may so refer to him in these formal procedures, for his commitment to the principles of social democracy. There have been few men and women in this interesting historical period of our country who have more passionately devoted themselves to that philosophic framework, that commitment to improving the human condition by achieving a better mix of liberty and equality in our country, and beyond. The Hon. Member has reached beyond his commitment to the people of Winnipeg to include Canada, and beyond Canada, the people of the world, in terms of his very serious commitment to the improvement of the global family, if I may put it that way.

I thank him from the bottom of my heart for the work that he has done for the New Democratic Party and for the work that he has done here in the House of Commons on behalf of all of the people of Canada.

Let me turn now to the Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray). Given that he is a distinguished opponent, I of course cannot say something that is too positive, and particularly since the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) has just assured us that he plans to be a Member for another 25 years. So, I shall choose my words with care and will perhaps be less fulsome than the circumstances warrant.

In all sincerity, there is no Member who has devoted himself to the cause of an independent Canada, a sovereign Canada, and for a working out of economic and social arrangements that are of a higher and more just order, according to his principles, as the Hon. Member for Windsor West.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Broadbent: He has held many Cabinet portfolios, with a wide variety of obligations, and he has carried out his duties with a great dedication to work.

Both Hon. Members are known readers—and that is a refreshing aspect to their respective natures. Most Canadians, I am sure, would probably appreciate it if more Members of Parliament spent more time reading the type of material that is reflected in what these two Members have to say in the House. That is something that the two have in common.

Let me conclude with a personal wish for the Hon. Member for Windsor West, and that is that he succeed abundantly in all of his personal endeavours.

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Prime Minister and my colleagues on the government side of the House, it truly is a pleasure to join with Members opposite in paying tribute to the Hon. Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray) and the Hon. Member for Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow) on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of their election to this great institution.

Mr. Speaker, the fact that these two men have been returned to this place in each election since 1962 speaks volumes for their integrity and abilities as parliamentarians and the high regard in which they are held by their constituents.

Of course, I want to associate myself with the remarks of the Leader of the New Democratic Party in the tribute that he paid to the Member for Winnipeg North. I can attest to the fact that in the 19 years that I have been a Member of this House, he has always served his constituents well. He has stood for the interests of Winnipeg, for Manitoba. Indeed, he represented himself as an outstanding Canadian and an outstanding fighter for the issues which affect western Canada.

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In offering my congratulations, I also want to say that in the 19 years I have been here I can truthfully say that I have never witnessed, on any occasion, either of these gentlemen not acting in the best traditions of this institution. Clearly they are men of integrity, and clearly they act in the best traditions of the House. They are men of integrity and honour who have always placed the nation's welfare and interest high above partisan gain.

To the Hon. Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray)—and the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) and the Leader of the New Democratic Party have already referred to his very distinguished career as a parliamentarian—may I say on a personal note and as one who negotiates with him on a week-to-week basis with regard to the legislative program of the House, that he is certainly a man of integrity. He is a man of his word. He is a good and fair negotiator. He has always worked toward facilitating the business of the House in the best parliamentary tradition. I want to thank him and assure him that indeed that kind of co-operation is appreciated by the Government and, I am sure, by all Members of the House.

Parliament and Canada are indeed fortunate to have men of such calibre and dedication. I am sure they will continue to retain the confidence of their constituents and return to this place for many years to come.

In conclusion, I want to join with other Members of the House in congratulating the Hon. Stanley Knowles on the occasion of his seventy-ninth birthday. I do not think we could