

### Tributes

was in the Alberta legislature. I am sure I speak on behalf of all Hon. Members of the House when I say bless John Kushner; we hope he has found peace.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the New Democratic Party I should like to express our sadness at the passing of John Kushner. Indeed, as the Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Mulroney) said, he was a man of modesty and accomplishment. That is unique. He served his people well, serving, as I understand it, as a trustee, as an alderman in Calgary, in the legislature and here in Parliament since 1979. In other words, he served in all levels of government in Canada—municipal, provincial and federal. That is a real accomplishment.

He was active beyond politics and was very active in the multicultural area. He was deputy critic of multiculturalism for the Conservative Party at the time of his passing. He was of Polish background and very proud of it.

Further, I should like to make two personal observations. John Kushner used to sit near me and we had a little pact among our group. Many people see us arguing in Parliament, but when we leave this House sometimes, in fact most times, we talk to each other as friends. That is a good point about the Canadian Parliament, in my view. We also had a little shared pact. It is very hard to be a back-bencher and to have heckling when one first rises in the House of Commons to put questions. John was part of our little pact. We agreed that we would not heckle each other when we rose. That only applied around this part of the House. In fact, we encouraged each other when we asked a particularly good question and when we struggled with a bad question.

Personally, I will miss John. On behalf of the NDP, I should like to extend our sympathy to his wife and his two sons. To John, *ave atque vale*, hail and farewell. We will all miss you here, John.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Chuck Cook (North Vancouver-Burnaby):** Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if I did not say something about John. John and I go back to when he was the locksmith for the Calgary school board in the very early sixties. He and I have been brushing shoulders now for 25 years. I agree with every word that has been said, but nothing has been said about John and his spirit. This was a happy man. This was a man I never saw truly depressed, a man who oft times caused a smile, oft times gave one a lift just by being in his presence.

In terms of his service, it was to the people of his community. He was, I firmly believe, one of the best constituency men the House of Commons will ever see. John Kushner did not attend just some events in his riding; he attended every event and, more than that, he cared greatly for his people, the people of the area he represented. Whether it was on the school board, as an alderman, as a provincial MLA or here in the House of Commons, his was a life of service to the community.

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He will be sorely missed in that area of Calgary. I will sorely miss him as well, miss him in the sense that another bit of laughter is gone, another bit of fun. He was a man you could truly admire because of his skills, feelings and the work that he did. I just want Olga, Jack and Stan to know that I grieve with them.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

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### THE BUDGET

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

The House resumed from Thursday, February 23, consideration of the motion of Mr. Lalonde that this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

**Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, first of all, I wish to congratulate my eminent colleague, the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde), on his excellent Budget, which was entirely in line with the initiatives announced in the Speech from the Throne. Mr. Speaker, the Budget is part and parcel of the Government's plan to build a strong and growing economy, and, as Minister of Labour, I may add I am particularly happy to see the emphasis placed by the Minister of Finance on creating lasting jobs for all Canadians who want to work. Since I took up my new duties, Mr. Speaker, I have constantly stressed the need for treating Canadian workers as full and equal partners with employers and the Government, and I believe that in our efforts to provide for economic recovery, it is absolutely essential that workers as well as employers should benefit.

I am therefore particularly pleased to see that the Minister of Finance intends to promote economic growth by fully co-operating with workers and business. He has stated publicly that he is determined to promote increased co-operation and economic well-being, using the most powerful mechanisms available to us under our tax policy.

To stimulate the economy, the Minister has decided to act through the private sector which, and we agree, considers itself to be the main creator of jobs. The Government will help, where the need arises, by lightening the burden of administration where feasible, and by leading directly where necessary.

We feel that the best stimulus for economic progress will come from the increased confidence of Canadians, whether they are workers, consumers, savers or investors.

The creative energy and entrepreneurship that flow from this confidence will shape our future.