

Government Orders

I would like to join my colleagues in expressing our sympathy to his wife and to his family.

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my party, I would like to add a few words about Larry Condon.

He was a member of Parliament from Ontario who served his constituents well and this country well. I sat in the House with him for a number of years.

I want to extend to his family our deepest sympathy and let them know that we appreciate the contribution he made to the country and to his constituents. He was a very understanding, dedicated, and sympathetic man who made a great contribution to Canada.

Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce): Mr. Speaker, I also want to pay homage to Larry Condon.

I knew Larry Condon since he was about 10 years old. We grew up together in Montreal. Larry was from Verdun and we went to Loyola High School together. Larry was the goalie on the hockey team on which I played in high school and he was also the quarterback of the football team. I was the halfback at that time and not many would believe that.

I have known Larry for a long, long time and I was very saddened to learn of his death. I would like to extend my condolences to his family.

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POINT OF ORDER

PROCEDURE IN HOUSE ON DECEMBER 19

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a short point of order.

I am sure that others as well have reviewed *Hansard* of December 19 and have recognized a number of procedural anomalies that occurred as that day wore on. Considering the day, Mr. Speaker, it is not the day to enter into discussion about some of the concerns that members would have about the rather creative use of procedure on that day. I would like to ask your willingness, Mr. Speaker, to set aside this discussion for perhaps another day to allow the important debate to continue this afternoon.

Mr. Speaker: I take it the hon. member for Kamloops wants to raise as a point of order the proceedings, or some aspect of the proceedings, on the last day before

we adjourned. I certainly will hear the hon. member and other hon. members. Perhaps I could contact the hon. member for Kamloops and set up an appropriate time. I agree that probably it is best not to pursue it this afternoon.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

PERSIAN GULF CRISIS

SUPPORT FOR UNITED NATIONS

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Clark (Yellowhead) (p. 16984) and the amendment of Mr. Chrétien (p. 16995).

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I want to begin by congratulating the leader of the New Democratic Party on the serious and thoughtful nature of her remarks. She clearly was attempting to be constructive and set forth in some very general terms other options which she thinks should be explored.

The hon. member and I may argue about what realism means, but I think that she would agree that the government and the world require much more precision as to other options than she was able to provide today. We look forward, very genuinely, to receiving any specific suggestions that she or members of her party might have, either during this debate or through the conduct of this crisis.

This is, as the leader of the New Democratic Party said, an extraordinary time. It requires all of us to do everything we can to bring forward the best practical advice we can.

The new Leader of the Opposition made essentially four points, as I understood his intervention. He wants to wait for sanctions to have effect, yet he gives the House no idea as to how long he proposes to wait and he gives the House not one iota of evidence that the sanctions program that we have mounted will affect Iraqi political leadership or military capacity. I want to return later in my remarks to the question of sanctions, but I hope that other spokespersons of the Liberal Party will be far more precise in indicating exactly how long they want to wait.