

promised myself that I would shut them down. I had to work very hard, but I succeeded. They had no idea of how it works in the private enterprise. They were not getting up at five in the morning to attract the clientele. They were subsidized by the people, with government money. I was so easy to run the business on government money. But if you is with privatization, you will see changes. Wait and see what will happen once they are privatized.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, because I thought I had twenty minutes. I do not understand. You are telling me I used merely ten minutes. Maybe I will be allowed to continue—

[*English*]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I hate to disturb the hon. member because he is just getting wound up. He will have 10 minutes remaining in his speech, plus 10 minutes for questions and comments, after three o'clock.

It being one o'clock, I do now leave the Chamber until two o'clock this day.

The House took recess at 1 p.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

### STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[*English*]

#### GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Jack Iyerak Anawak (Nunatsiaq):** Mr. Speaker, the people of the north continue to oppose the goods and services tax proposals. The government of the Northwest Territories says the tax is unfair and the timing is wrong. Unemployment is rising. Interest rates are too high. The economy is in recession. The higher prices the GST will create could not come at a worse time.

Prices of goods and services in the north are already, on average, 44 per cent higher than in southern Canada. In isolated Arctic settlements, prices can be more than 100 per cent higher. Because of these higher prices, the value of the federal sales tax credit will be much lower for the northern Canadian family than for the southern Canadian family.

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Under the goods and services tax, all freight to the north will be taxed.

A resolution passed by the Kitikmeot regional council last month stated simply: "This tax is going to be terrible for all northerners".

The Northwest Territories does not want the GST. The government must scrap it now.

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#### THE LATE ED BARRETT

**Mr. Doug Fee (Red Deer):** Mr. Speaker, Red Deer said goodbye to one of its best this week with the passing of former mayor Ed Barrett. I was privileged to join a packed congregation to celebrate the life of a well loved and respected community leader.

Mr. Barrett gave a lifetime of service to his community. He served 13 years on city council. He was mayor from 1965 to 1974. He was president of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association, and very active in his church, especially the choir, where he was known for his fine singing voice.

He retired in 1974 and was named Red Deer's Citizen of the Year. But Ed Barrett did not stop there. He became very active in organizing seniors' groups and was still heard singing in the hospital last week.

Ed Barrett will be remembered for many things, most importantly for his honesty and integrity. He was an example for everyone who was privileged to know him.

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#### THE ECONOMY

**Mr. Ken Atkinson (St. Catharines):** Mr. Speaker, a number of items mentioned in the recent report of the Economic Council of Canada have been conveniently forgotten by many opposition critics.

The report states that in order for industry and workers to adapt to emerging markets and new patterns of international trade, there must be more emphasis on job retraining at every level rather than passive income support programs.

The council calls for more co-operation between all levels of government, labour, and employers in regard to job retraining and other important economic matters in order to have a better balance between fiscal and monetary policy.