

Royal Assent

● (2200)

[English]

Mr. Prud'homme: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. We are not numerous, we back-benchers, but some of us would like to first offer you our best wishes for the summer. We would then like to thank the staff who has worked so late tonight. More especially, we would like to say how much we will miss the Pages, these young, beautiful Canadians who come from all across Canada.

Some of us may not have been kind to them at times, some of us may not have been as patient as we should have been, but by now, they know why. They know we mean well, they know we love them. I am not shy to say we love them. They are good young Canadians.

[Translation]

We wish them luck in their careers—

[English]

And now, I see that some of them are becoming emotional. I think some of them have tears in their eyes. Do not be afraid to cry sometime. That shows that you have passion and emotion.

We have been served very well by beautiful young Canadians. I would like on behalf of my colleagues—not my Party but my colleagues in all three Parties—to thank them for their patience with us. They knew and they know now how much we love them and how much we mean it when we say—

[Translation]

Good luck. Come back and see us, and have a good summer.

[English]

Mr. Lewis: Madam Speaker, I would join with my colleague in his sentiments expressed for the staff who have persevered

with us today including the Table, yourself and others who have served in the chair, as well as the *Hansard* reporters. I would also join with my friend in saying that the Pages have seen Parliament at its best and occasionally Parliament at its worst. That is the way it goes. They have enjoyed a tremendous opportunity as young people to come to the nation's capital to begin their university education and to get an education in how this place works. They will be able to see it from two sides now. I guess there are 40 or so young people who will take a different view of Government out to the world and that is very important.

I wish you *bonne chance* in your endeavours and we hope you will come back and see us again. Thank you very much and enjoy the summer.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): I do know that earlier today, Mr. Speaker thanked the staff and our Pages. I would like to thank the Hon. Member for Saint-Denis (Mr. Prud'homme) and the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Lewis) for expressing what all of us feel. In my own name and in the name of my colleagues who have the privilege of sharing the chair with Mr. Speaker, I would like to give our best wishes and our love to all of you.

[Translation]

Have a good summer.

It being 10.07 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 4, the House stands adjourned until Monday, September 14, 1987, at eleven o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 3(1).

At 10.07 p.m. the House adjourned.