

International Business Council for the Green Cross meets in Moscow on January 16, 1991.

This council was created by the Global Forum of Spiritual and Parliamentary Leaders on Human Survival. The Green Cross was established in response to a challenge proposed by President Gorbachev to involve the business community in the forum's activities. It is designed to offer help to countries suffering from ecological troubles. The creation of such a body is important since it provides forward-looking businessmen a forum in which they can share ideas for a greener future.

This forthcoming meeting in Moscow will bring together prominent businessmen. It will be co-chaired by Mr. A. W. Klausen, former head of the World Bank, and leading Canadian businessman, Mr. Albert Reichman.

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#### THE LATE SENATOR HENRY HICKS

**Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, early this morning we received the very sad news that former senator and Nova Scotia Premier, Henry Hicks, along with his wife, Rosalie, died in an automobile accident.

Senator Hicks was a Nova Scotian of genuine passion and great intellect, who enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the arts and in the public service of his province and the country he loved so much.

Mr. Speaker, he was a Liberal early in his life and started campaigning for Liberal causes in his teens. A Rhodes scholar, Senator Hicks was first elected to the Nova Scotia House of Assembly at the age of 30. He was a cabinet minister at the age of 34 and premier of this great province at the age of 39, in 1954.

Upon leaving active political life, he later served as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science at Dalhousie University and, thereafter became president of this very prestigious university.

In 1972, he was appointed to the Senate of Canada and retired earlier this year.

The measure of this man was enhanced by his warmth and by his personal approach toward the people and the province he loved so much.

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Mr. Speaker, I extend on behalf of our party our sincere sympathy to his family and all those who mourn the untimely death of both Mr. and Mrs. Hicks.

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#### AGRICULTURE

**Mr. Ken Hughes (MacLeod):** Mr. Speaker, last week in Brussels delegations from more than 100 nations witnessed the apparent inflexibility of the European Community on the question of agriculture. EC politicians appear to fear the fact that they need to change their common agricultural policy, or the CAP. The CAP continues to wreak havoc with producers around the world in countries like Canada, Australia, Argentina, all countries of the Cairns Group, as well as many very poor Third World nations.

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Let us hope this near collapse of the GATT talks will give EC leadership pause for reflection. Can they really afford to thumb their noses at the rest of the world over an issue of such relatively minor economic importance in their own nation states?

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#### GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville):** Mr. Speaker, when the Minister of Finance first came to power, he promised to make the tax system fair. Instead, he has padded the pockets of his rich friends and picked the pockets of the poor.

Six years later he still claims he has made the tax system more fair in this country. Is it fair that those making over \$250,000 a year pay less income tax while those making under \$15,000 pay more income tax now?

The Minister of Finance must have a funny notion of what is fair because over 80 per cent of Canadians say he has failed in the most recent Gallup poll. Even most supporters of the Conservative Party said in the Gallup poll he has failed to make the tax system more fair.

The height of unfairness is the government's GST which will increase the burden on all Canadians, particularly those who are poor in our country. When will the Minister of Finance wake up from his dream world which is a nightmare to ordinary Canadians, stop playing