

nature. Finally, we have our retail sector staggering from the GST, cross-border shopping and the fears consumers have about their futures.

This budget offers no strategy for the future with respect to these difficult and major challenges. Instead, it is full of the same tired old rhetoric that rings so hollow.

In essence, it is not the borrowing bill that deserves to be defeated, nor really is it the budget which, standing alone, is a bland and forgettable one, it is, in fact, the government that deserves to be defeated, cast aside on to the scrap heap with much of Canada's economy laid waste by previous budgetary follies.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** It being 11 o'clock, pursuant to Standing Order 35, the House will now proceed to Statements by Members pursuant to Standing Order 31.

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## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

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### REPORTER IAIN HUNTER

**Mr. Fernand Jourdenais (La Prairie):** Mr. Speaker, after 20 years on Parliament Hill, Iain Hunter, a veteran reporter who is well-known in this country, leaves his busy life as a journalist on the Hill, apparently without regrets.

Mr. Speaker, the man who struck fear into the hearts of politicians and public servants at all levels and who in his own way shaped Canadian political life during an entire generation, will put down pen and notebook at the close of proceedings today.

As a Canadian reporter, Iain Hunter has an international reputation for his portraits of politicians. I am convinced that if Hitler had had an Iain Hunter in his press gallery, concentration camps would never have existed because he would have condemned them outright in his tireless quest for social justice.

I want to ask members on all sides of the House to join me in paying tribute to a man who is appreciated and respected by all Canadians, and in offering our sincere thanks. We wish him every success in his new job as

assistant editor for national news at the *Ottawa Citizen*. Congratulations, Mr. Hunter, and good luck!

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### GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

**Mr. Lyle Vanclief (Prince Edward—Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, the concluding phase of the Uruguay round of negotiations at GATT is upon us and the future of 40,000 Canadian family farm businesses is at stake.

Canada's supply management system is the envy of the world, providing producers with a reasonable level of profit. Those producers go on to supply Canadian consumers with a supply of the safest, most nutritious food in the world while carrying on environmentally sound farm management practices for the benefit of all Canadians.

Canadian dairy, egg and poultry farmers are not part of the problem of international surplus, however, many people want to force these people into being part of the solution.

A successful round of GATT for Canada can only be reached if article XI is strengthened and clarified. I remind the government to fulfil its obligations to all Canadians, that is, to obtain a strengthened and clarified article XI.

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### THE CONSTITUTION

**Mr. Garth Turner (Halton—Peel):** Mr. Speaker, over the last few weeks, I have been asking many of my constituents for their guidance and advice.

John Panchyshyn from Burlington writes me: "We need to keep Canada together. I believe in a strong central government but I am willing to bend to keep Quebec in Confederation".

Barry Stewart from Bolton writes, and this is interesting: "Increase the GST. Decrease income tax. Make it a user pay system and you will see a decrease in waste and wasteful citizens."

Peter Egerton from Georgetown writes me: "I would like to see Canada hold together and get out of these ridiculous deficits".