

**Mr. Riis:** Mr. Speaker, I do not think it is the Government's right to pre-judge in advance when Parliament will be sitting. The Standing Orders make it clear that the Order in Council appointments, once they appear in the *Canada Gazette*, must be tabled—no could be, may be, but must be tabled—within five days. All I am saying is that that was not done. The Standing Orders require that to be done. I am pleased that the Minister said that they are following the appropriate course of action now.

While I have the floor, I might simply add as well that one of the problems we face is that the Orders in Council appear in the *Gazette* often months after the appointments have already been made and that the people are involved in their duties. That makes the evaluation of the Order in Council appointment a little after the fact.

I simply encourage the Government to have these Order in Council appointments appear in the *Canada Gazette* as early as possible.

**Mr. Speaker:** I thank the Hon. Member for Kamloops (Mr. Riis) and the Hon. Minister of Justice (Mr. Lewis) for the exchange. I am sure that Members on the government side will have taken into account the representations of the Hon. Member for Kamloops. I appreciate both interventions.

The Hon. Member for Port Moody—Coquitlam has a point of order. I will hear him.

#### SUPREME COURT OF CANADA APPOINTMENT

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Port Moody—Coquitlam):** This week the Government appointed the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, the Hon. Beverly McLachlan, to the Supreme Court of Canada.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Waddell:** We now have three women on the Supreme Court of Canada, including this outstanding woman jurist from British Columbia. I think all the Members of the House will join with me in applauding this appointment.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** I have to make it clear to the Hon. Member that I do not think that that was a point of order. The comment has been made. I think there is probably a general feeling in the Chamber that the appointment does credit to the court and to the country. However, I would remind Hon. Members that there is another place, that is, Statements by Members, which is later on in the day and which is perhaps a more appropriate place to make such comments.

*The Address—Mr. Richardson*

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

### SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

ADDRESS IN REPLY, MOVED BY MR. LEE RICHARDSON  
AND SECONDED BY MRS. MARIE GIBEAU

**Mr. Lee Richardson (Calgary Southeast):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay my respects to the Governor General and to congratulate you, Mr. Speaker, on your re-election.

As one who has long been a student of this House and of our parliamentary traditions, it is with great humility, pride and respect that I rise to move the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne. It is a great honour and privilege for me and for the people of Calgary Southeast. I would like to thank the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and his Cabinet for recognizing a western Member in this way and for the efforts of this Government in the past four and one-half years to address the aspirations and expectations of western Canadians.

I was introduced into this House what seems like a long time ago when I first came from Calgary to serve as executive assistant to former Prime Minister John Diefenbaker. My admiration for this institution grew under his tutelage. Although I had read much of this place I had seen little, except in photographs and on television. Other Members may have shared that sense of awe in arriving here for the first time. I remember once rushing out of my office to meet Mr. Diefenbaker and running smack into Otto Lang, Jean Marchand and Mitchell Sharp. I had seen them on TV and I was shocked. Excusing myself I continued down the hallway and thought: "Gosh, they're short". I had from afar an image of this place as being larger than life, and it is really not. It is a place where ordinary people try to represent their constituency, their region.

I return to Ottawa almost 20 years later as a Member of Parliament to represent my constituency, my region, my country. I am a westerner.

I do not want to be seen today as simply speaking for the West. I believe that in moving this address I am not only speaking on behalf of this House but I am speaking as much for one Canadian as another. I want to think that all Members without exception see themselves as standing for one Canada and speaking for every Canadian in every riding of this nation.