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Everything is not written in stone. I would be the first one impressed if I heard the Liberal party members pledge that they will instruct their Liberal senators to block the GST and that they will insist upon it as a political party. I have not heard the Liberals do that. They are even more cynical than the Tories are. At least the Tories have taken the heat because of their ideological commitment.

Sitting over there giggling, snickering, chuckling, chortling, happy with the turn of events is the Liberal party because it knows that it can have it both ways. That is what I am trying to prevent. The Liberals are schizophrenic enough without being able to talk out of both sides of their mouth and smile in both conversations. This is a move to demonstrate—and I have the support of all the Tories in the Chamber—that politics cannot override responsibility and that the other chamber will be instructed to block the GST. I have thought about this a great deal, this one last appeal, as I reach the twilight years in my political campaign, this one last appeal to reasonableness, to sensibility, to fairness, and all I get is laughter from the Liberals.

**An Hon. Member:** Shame!

**Mr. Barrett:** It hurts me to the quick.

**Mr. Kaplan:** Even your own members are laughing.

**Mr. Barrett:** It hurts me to the quick, Madam Speaker, to have to go back to the Canadian people and tell them that they are getting fooled again by the same group that says one thing when they are in opposition, thirsting and lusting for power. They will say anything. They get back into power and laugh and giggle that they got the GST and they are going to keep it.

I am sorry that it is still early in British Columbia. I hope my grandson is in his afternoon nap. I do not want my grandson, like another generation of Canadians, to be a witness to how cynical the Liberal Party is. But, so be it, Madam Speaker, that is the case.

**An Hon. Member:** It is extremism.

**Mr. Barrett:** I will conclude my comments, and I welcome questions and requests for interpretation, because I certainly will do that. Many people have asked whether there has not been enough debate about this. If

it were a simple matter, there would be no point in bringing forth this resolution. If it were a simple matter, if it is a *fait accompli*, there would be no point.

I want to make an appeal beyond what we have heard so far. I want to make an appeal to those people in the other chamber, should they hear my voice, or should I put it in writing that their colleagues who have subscribed to a non-elected chamber, who have packed that chamber with their political supporters, now call the chit and demand that they stop the goods and services tax.

If we see no evidence of this it will be proof positive of the thesis that I present today. It will be proof positive to every Canadian who is opposed to the goods and services tax that it is a shell game. It will be proof positive that the Liberals have only been playing games and the only real opposition to the goods and services tax is by my party, and I am proud of that.

**Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Madam Speaker, I have a question for the Member for Esquimalt—Juan de Fuca.

I would like to remind him that the New Democratic Party constitution in Article 5.2 states that the convention shall be the supreme governing body of the party and shall have authority in all matters of federal policy, program and constitution. Let me remind him of the resolution the party adopted in the federal convention in 1981 where it was stated “Be it resolved that the NDP will continue to fight for the further changes, including the abolition of the Senate”.

When the hon. member was running for the leadership of his party, on December 1, 1989 in Winnipeg, a press report stated “I’m for a Triple-A Senate”, said B.C. MP Ian Waddell ‘Abolish, abolish, abolish.’

Another article states: “Front-running contenders Yukon MP Audrey McLaughlin and B.C. MP Dave Barrett agreed: ‘Abolish the Senate and use the savings to clean up the environment’, said McLaughlin. ‘The Senate should and must be abolished’, said Barrett.”

Madam Speaker, when the hon. member was a member of the legislative assembly in British Columbia, he said on December 11, 1980, in the British Columbia *Hansard*: