

here in the Press Gallery without worrying about whether Erik is going to come through the door.

**Mr. Chrétien:** Check with Erik. Can we go to the bathroom? Check with Erik.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Foster:** Go to the john? Check with Erik.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** It used to be follow John. Now you have to get permission.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** Woe betide his dictum and his fiat.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** The motto of the Deputy Prime Minister has become, after Theodore Roosevelt, "Speak softly. Carry a big stick". But that is just when he is dealing with his Cabinet colleagues. I say to the Members sitting behind him: Beware, watch out, and protect yourselves!

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Chrétien:** You ain't seen nothing yet.

**Mr. Rodriguez:** You, too.

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** I am sorry he is not here but I find it inconceivable, for instance, that when the Minister of Justice appeared at the roast for my colleague, the Hon. Member for Saint-Henri-Westmount, (Mr. Johnston), and my sister was also there and competing with Mr. Crosbie for attention—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** —he said, I am sorry I cannot be as eloquent as I usually am because I am "not allowed to speak".

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

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

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** That was the most disappointing news I had heard because I was counting on the Minister of Justice to raise the standard of debate from the other side of the House and to make it a little more interesting in here.

This is but one of the many reversals we have witnessed since the Ministers were sworn in, Mr. Speaker. I saw the "born again" Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Beatty) earlier. When in opposition he attacked the Government vehemently for trying to collect the \$3.5 billion in taxes owed to Ottawa. Now, suddenly, he intends to get tough. I use his

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words. He said he was going to "get tough with income tax evaders".

**Mr. Chrétien:** That is terrible.

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** I tell you, Mr. Speaker, what a difference and what a wonderful change a large staff and a chauffeur can do to a man.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** During the campaign the Progressive Conservative Party built up enormous expectations in the people of Canada. This Throne Speech has frustrated those expectations. It offers only meditation, contemplation, rumination, and, most of all, hesitation.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Sounds like a Liberal to me.

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** New Democrats are impatient, Mr. Speaker; they have an exaggerated opinion of their own importance. But I want to warn the Hon. Member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent) not to let that chauffeur and car go to his head.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

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

**Mr. Chrétien:** His price was a car.

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** At least it was a General Motors product. As the session goes on, maybe the price will be higher.

One of the most important programs in our country is medicare. It is being threatened by user fees and extra billing. During the campaign the Prime Minister had an answer, which I will quote:

The answer is clearly, in the circumstances, more money to maintain the services . . . and it's a question of where your priorities are.

Obviously the protection of medicare is not a priority with this Government. It is not even mentioned in the Throne Speech.

The Prime Minister indicated a willingness to address the issue of pensions for homemakers. He made a commitment in the debate on national television affecting womens' issues, but there is no mention of homemakers' pensions in the Throne Speech.

There were 39 specific promises made by the Progressive Conservatives in the energy area. Not a single one received even an honourable mention. In fact, the whole energy sector was ignored. I think this is what the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Miss Carney) admitted during the election campaign, that was that quiet little accord with the provincial ministers—this is carrying it a little too far. We could at least have heard something in the Throne Speech as to the direction of this Government. Farmers and fishermen at least get a passing reference. But where is the promise to change the advance payments crops Act to double cash advance levels?