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Finally, he was one of those people who is convinced that politics is a noble profession. He was an ardent defender of his constituents' interests, but his first love was political science, and I am sure that one of the greatest disappointments of his life was that he could not join us in 1984 and 1988. But he kept in touch by telephone.

I know that many of his former colleagues regret his passing and that they sympathize with Lynne and the children. I do so as well, because it is a sad time for all of us.

[*English*]

Mr. Paul Martin (LaSalle—Émard): Mr. Speaker, so many of those in this House who spoke about Pierre spoke about him as a politician and how they knew him in this House.

I knew him long before he became an MP. We worked together. I did not see him that much when he became a member, and then saw a great deal of him after he left this House to become a member of the Quebec business community. He displayed, in those vocations, the same enthusiasm and dedication to everything that he touched that was described here.

He was impressive in everything that he did, except perhaps on the golf course. But he was never more impressive than he was in those last months when he was locked into the pain of a terrible disease, one in which he demonstrated enormous courage and more than anything else, phenomenal optimism.

Pierre was going to beat this thing and he convinced all of us that he was going to do so. He did not. Quebec and Canada are the poorer for it. So are all his friends.

Our hearts go out to Lynne and his two children.

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

Mr. Lyle Kristiansen (Kootenay West—Revelstoke): Mr. Speaker, there has been consultation and agreement among all parties, and I believe you will find unanimous consent to have the House observe one minute of silence this afternoon to commemorate the second annual official day of mourning for Canadians killed and injured on the job.

In the past year there have been more than 1,100 killed and over 1 million injured. We can do no better than to take the one minute of silence to rededicate ourselves to ensuring that this toll shall not rise.

Do we have one minute of silence?

Mr. Speaker: I ask hon. members to rise.

[*Editor's Note: The House stood in silence.*]

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POINT OF ORDER

QUESTION PERIOD

Mr. Bill Attewell (Markham—Whitchurch—Stouffville): Mr. Speaker, I was the second one on the list to ask a question from our side of the House. I waited patiently. You were aware, Sir, that I wanted to ask a question. If I am not mistaken, near the end you went to the members for Halifax and Winnipeg—St. James.

With great respect, if I am to serve my constituents I would like to be able to speak. It is not as though I were the fifth questioner. I was the second from our party. I do not rise all that often on question, but when I do in that order, I would like to be heard.

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, as the whip of my caucus I tend to keep an eye on the clock. I would suggest to the hon. member that it may be helpful if he speaks to his leader, the right hon. Prime Minister. Perhaps the Prime Minister can shorten his replies which are consistently long.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member has raised a complaint with the Chair. It is not a question of privilege but it is a complaint. I take his comments as I think they are intended. He wants, as do all hon. members, to serve his constituents. It is disappointing when one does not get on. I regret that and I hope that tomorrow will be easier.

There was only one name from the government yesterday and yesterday would have been an easy day to have the hon. member on.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

FARM PRODUCTS MARKETING AGENCIES ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed consideration of Bill C-54, an act to amend the Farm Products Marketing Agencies Act and other acts in consequence thereof, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Agriculture.