

In him they have an even better friend than we have here, because they have a good advocate and a very distinguished son.

**Hon. Paul Martin:** Honourable senators, I should like to thank Senator Flynn for the generous impulse which drove him to make kind references to myself. I greatly appreciate this. Also I thank honourable senators for their recognition of what Senator Flynn had to say. I should like to take this opportunity to offer to Senator Belisle my warmest congratulations on the deserving honour given to him by Laurentian University.

[Translation]

The Honorary Doctor of Laws degree bestowed on Senator Belisle by the university of his city is a testimonial of his devotion to the university and to the city of Sudbury.

I heartily congratulate him in all our names.

[English]

**Hon. Rhéal Belisle:** Honourable senators, if I may I should like to associate myself with what has been said about the honourable the Leader of the Government. It is indeed heartwarming to hear my colleagues express approval of the honour which was conferred upon me by Laurentian University of Sudbury. Having had the privilege and the honour, as it was said by my colleague, to be its godfather, one of its governors and to be the Chairman of the Board of Governors for many years, it gives me a deep feeling of satisfaction to have been recognized and honoured by my own people. To paraphrase what Senator Phillips has said, since I am fully aware of what Christ said to the effect that nobody is a prophet in his own community, I am all the more pleased with and proud of this particular award and those that have been so kindly given to me in the past by the people of Sudbury. The friendships I have made in serving the people of Sudbury shall long be treasured, because these friendships are the type which can weather the inevitable changes wrought by time. The warm glow of these friendships has enriched and will continue to enrich my life. The faith in my humble person to which such an award bears testimony touches me deeply and arouses in me a deep desire to continue to serve my community and my country to the best of my ability and as long as God sees fit to preserve me.

The thoughtful comments of honourable senators, together with the events of this past weekend, will be etched in my memory. I shall long remember and hold dear what has been said about me.

[Translation]

Honourable senators, the honour you confer upon me by adding your congratulations to those I have received from the people of Sudbury makes me very happy and also very grateful to you all.

Unparalleled satisfaction is derived from service rendered to one's city, province and country and even though service to the community can result in disappointments, there are nevertheless many compensating blessings.

Happiness is loving one's work and ever seeking to give better service. That is what I have tried to do.

[English]

**Hon. Mr. Martin:** Honourable senators, I should like to provide an addendum to what I said a moment ago, which is to thank Senator Phillips warmly for his very kind remarks.

**Hon. Paul Yuzyk:** I should like to take this opportunity to congratulate my good friend Senator Rhéal Belisle on the honour that was conferred upon him by Laurentian University at Sudbury. It is a very deserving honour for a man who has contributed so much to Sudbury and surrounding districts, to the people of Sudbury and particularly to a new university which is bilingual in character. I should like to wish him everything that goes with the title of "doctor".

Senator Belisle has often teased me since I took my seat in the Senate. When he wants to get even with me he always calls me "doctor" instead of "senator". I shall now be able to get back at him, and say that I am happy that he has joined the ranks of doctors.

Senator Belisle has worked hard. I am sure he will continue to make a great contribution to the Senate, to the people of Sudbury and to Laurentian University.

## CONSTITUTION OF CANADA

### SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE—CHANGE IN COMMONS MEMBERSHIP

**The Hon. the Speaker** informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons to acquaint the Senate that the names of Messrs. Prud'homme and Saltsman have been substituted for those of Messrs. Crossman and Rowland on the Special Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons on the Constitution of Canada.

## OFFICIAL RESIDENCES ACT

### BILL TO AMEND—FIRST READING

**The Hon. the Speaker** informed the Senate that a message had been received from the House of Commons with Bill C-241, to amend the Prime Minister's Residence Act.

Bill read first time.

**Hon. Mr. Martin** moved, with leave, that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for second reading at the next sitting.

**The Hon. the Speaker:** Honourable senator, since this bill requires two days' notice, has the honourable senator leave to proceed with this motion?

**Hon. Senators:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to.