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Mr. Gaston Isabelle (Hull-Aylmer): Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I face my task today of announcing to the Members of this House the passing away of a former colleague, the former Member for Québec East, Gérard Duquet.

Mr. Duquet was extraordinary: always courteous, smiling, friendly, and diplomatic. As a Member he was always ready to serve

On his many trips as an official representative of his country, he always conducted himself with honour and distinction, and those who had the pleasure of travelling with him will remember the eloquence and pride with which he spoke of his love for his native country, Canada.

He was elected in 1965, and although as a Member of Parliament, his great dedication often exceeded his physical strength, he never let this show.

During his long political career, his greatest joy was to be a faithful representative and intimate associate of the community he represented in Parliament.

He held a number of positions in the House, but those he preferred and in which he made a major contribution were the positions he held on the Standing Committee on Management and Member Services.

A fierce defender of the rights of his colleagues, he always represented the voice of experience, rational thinking and logic. Finally, he was a true parliamentarian, and his colleagues will remember him as a paragon among members, dedicated to his country and to his constituents. Mr. Speaker, he belonged to the elite of our parliamentary system.

I am sure all my colleagues will wish to join me in addressing our sincere condolences to his wife, other members of his family, and to his friends.

Hon. Roch La Salle (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I cannot but agree with the words spoken by the Hon. Member for Hull-Aylmer (Mr. Isabelle), who knew the former Member for Quebec East, Mr. Duquet, personally, and perhaps even better than I did.

When I arrived in the House of Commons in 1968, I had the pleasure of getting to know our colleague, and, Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my deepest regrets at his passing away. I also would like to say I believe Mr. Duquet was always very much respected on both sides of the House, for his speeches as well as for his actions. He was a politician who, through his achievements, demonstrated his lively interest in the province of Quebec and his country. I know that practically his whole life was dedicated to politics. I think I can say, without exaggeration, that he did so out of a desire to serve his fellow men.

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• (1250)

Fulton

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion carried.

McCurdy

Bill read the third time and passed.

Mr. Speaker: Shall I call it one o'clock and introduce the next matter at three o'clock?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It being one o'clock, I do now leave the Chair until two o'clock this afternoon.

At 12:59 p.m. the House took recess.

## **AFTER RECESS**

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

Mr. Speaker: Before calling Statements pursuant to Standing Order 22, I am advised that there may be a desire to have a special brief period of statements and to have procedures delayed accordingly. At the conclusion of this round of special statements, we would then call Statements under Standing Order 22.