

(3) the further compelling importance of the resolution of the conflict by means of a political settlement rather than through recourse to sustained and bloody armed conflict; and

(4) the value of Canadian encouragement and support of the efforts of those individuals and groups seeking mediation of the conflict in El Salvador.

Hon. Heath Macquarrie: Honourable senators—

The Hon. the Speaker: I wish to inform honourable senators that if the Honourable Senator Macquarrie speaks now his speech will have the effect of closing the debate.

Senator Macquarrie: Honourable senators, my closing of the debate will be somewhat pro forma and certainly brief. I wish to thank the Honourable Senator Frith for his excellent contribution and for his fine thoughts. He looks as if he has almost forgotten making his contribution, because it was, indeed, many months ago. I also extend my thanks to my colleague, Senator Murray, for keeping the subject before us.

While I am suggesting that we consider the matter debated, we all know that we cannot consider the matter closed in the broader scene, nor is there anything that has happened, alas, in the months that have ensued since this was put down which could or should diminish our concern for the situation in El Salvador.

As I look at the four points in the Notice of Inquiry, I can think of nothing that has happened in El Salvador or in the world around it which diminishes the cogency or urgency of any of the aspects which have been set out.

We are all, I am sure, hopeful that some resolution of the difficulties will be found, and that Canada will make a worthy and helpful contribution thereto.

I thank all honourable senators for their interest in this matter, which is one of great concern to Canadians and to the broader world.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.
