

to be enlightened enough to endeavour to bring housewives into that plan, and to permit them to contribute during the years when they are housewives. We require a new concept that will recognize women as individuals with economic responsibilities towards themselves and their dependants, that will take into account the economic nature of the role that women play in the family and in society, how that role affects their earning capacity in the labour market and their security for the future, and how it forms a basic support sector of the economy and provides a monumental contribution in very real terms towards the support of all the fringe benefits that society offers today only to the paid labour force.

Honourable senators, Canada can be proud of the progress which has been achieved in difficult circumstances during the past twelve months. That progress is the product of its people, wherever they live. It has been achieved in part by governments, by the private sector, by labour, and by those who contribute to this country in a multiplicity of ways. The Speech from the Throne, which His Excellency the Governor General so graciously delivered yesterday, gives promise of still greater progress in the months to come. It is a positive and optimistic statement

which expresses concern for the problems of the people of Canada. It concedes that Canada faces serious and challenging problems, but it offers constructive solutions. Thus I am pleased to second the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne proposed by my friend and colleague, the Honourable Senator Louis Robichaud.

On motion of Senator Flynn, debate adjourned.

**HON. J. CAMPBELL HAIG  
HON. ALLISTER GROSART**

FELICITATIONS ON RETURN TO CHAMBER

**Hon. Paul Martin:** Honourable senators, before moving that we adjourn, I am wondering whether I welcomed Senator Haig back in December.

**Hon. Mr. Flynn:** You did.

**Hon. Mr. Martin:** In any event, I am glad to see him again.

I am also glad to see Senator Grosart here. When we were having difficult days in December and January, he was unable to attend because of his illness. We are all very glad that he is well enough to be with us again, alert and fit.

The Senate adjourned until Tuesday, March 5, at 8 p.m.