

always expressed with humour and with the purpose, no doubt, of conveying a message which unfortunately they often failed to understand. To convince is sometimes as difficult as to convert.

I remember an incident which occurred one day when you came to the Senate in splendid form. By way of an excuse for speaking at great length, you told His Honour the Speaker that you had no watch. One of our colleagues commented: "That is true, but you could at least have kept track of the days on the calendar in front of you".

Thirty-two years of active parliamentary life followed your initial election to the House of Commons in 1958 where you held several important functions. Appointed to the Senate in 1962, you distinguished yourself in 1967 as Leader of the Opposition by your deep knowledge of political strategy. Later on, in 1979, you became Leader of the Government in the Senate, Minister of Justice and Attorney General. You enjoyed tremendously all these functions and the well deserved honours they brought to you.

As for me, I am sure I can speak for all my colleagues when I say that your talent, your sagacity and your verve have always been appreciated. Retiring after thirty-two years of parliamentary life with an exemplary record, unblemished and without any adverse publicity is an accomplishment you and your family can be very proud of.

Serving one's community, one's province, one's country and working oneself for one's own people is a joy which in my mind has no equivalent in any other profession. They are right to give you tribute today saying that you deserved well of your country.

[English]

Honourable senators, I should also like to associate myself with what has been said about the other two honourable colleagues who are leaving us today. This place will miss your eloquence, your effectiveness, and your contribution. To all of you I wish the best of health; and enjoy yourselves with your families.

Hon. H.A. Olson: Honourable senators, I want to offer my congratulations to Senator Sherwood for having served well his province and his country. My first contact with Senator Sherwood, of course, was when we were both Ministers of Agriculture. We had a number of meetings and I learned very quickly to admire not only his deep interest but his great knowledge of the agricultural problems in his province and the manner in which he pursued solutions to those problems with the federal government. Since he has come to the Senate he has made an additional great contribution in his own way. He was sometimes a little less noisy than Senator Flynn and I were, but, nevertheless, he has been very effective.

To Senator Anderson I also want to offer my congratulations for her great contribution to Canada and to her province. She and I have been on the Banking, Trade and Commerce Committee, on and off, for many years. As has already been pointed out, her attendance was faithful. She always read the papers and documents that were submitted, and the depth and

quality of her questioning in those meetings was certainly of tremendous value to the work of the Senate.

Senator Flynn, you and I have had a number of discussions, and I will really miss you. I doubt if I can make another speech without your participation!

Senator Doody: That's something to look forward to!

Senator Argue: Always helpful participation!

An Hon. Senator: Encouragement!

Senator Olson: Encouragement, yes. He sits right across the aisle from me now. There is real value in having someone heckling you, because it gives you time to think. I am not sure there is anyone else on that side of the chamber who can perform that important task, so perhaps honourable senators opposite will nominate someone to applaud once in a while.

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I do not suppose there is anyone in the Senate who knows the rules better than Senator Flynn. For that matter, I do not suppose there is anyone in the Senate who knows how to abuse the rules better than Senator Flynn. In any event, I appreciated that too.

Senator Flynn was an excellent Leader of the Opposition. I think it was a pity that the Conservatives were elected, because then Senator Flynn could no longer perform the duty of Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, although after the election he performed well as Leader of the Government.

Honourable senators, I associate myself with all that has been said about Senator Flynn's good judgment and his helpfulness in this chamber in an attempt to keep everyone, including members of his own party, within the rules whenever they strayed even slightly from them. I will miss Senator Flynn because he has always been pleasant to be with. He has demonstrated good humour along with great intelligence. He is a decent human being.

Setting aside all the humour, I want to say very sincerely that I wish Senator Flynn and his family the best in the future.

[Translation]

Hon. Arthur Tremblay: Honourable senators, I am glad to join with those who spoke before me in paying tribute to both our colleagues, Senator Anderson and Senator Sherwood, who will be leaving us soon.

I have constantly admired the particularly serene way in which they always dealt with the business of this House.

Therefore, I wish Senator Anderson and Senator Sherwood a retirement as happy, healthy and serene as were their contributions to this House.

About Senator Flynn, I do not have the problem our friends opposite may have had in the present circumstances considering the frequent clashes they had with him in the past. On the contrary, our views spontaneously coincided on many subjects and we agreed on fundamental issues. I can think of two examples, in particular, to illustrate what I mean by that and show how important I feel what Senator Flynn has said and done on some issues in his career has been.