

yesterday afternoon. Within a matter of three or four hours, my wife was speaking to those people and found out about the highway accident.

I knew Henry Hicks very well for over 25 years. Although of different political persuasions, we were always very close friends. For over 20 years, I suppose, there would not have been a week that I did not speak to Henry. He had a permanent parking spot in the Province House lot and he would either be in speaking to myself or someone else. Or, as Senator MacEachen said, he might be in speaking with our provincial driver, Jack Wheatley, trading stamps in their respected collections.

Henry Hicks was an interesting man. As Senator Murray has said, he was a lawyer, a soldier, an MLA, a cabinet minister, Premier of Nova Scotia, a member of the Senate of Canada, an educator—what a variety in a career spanning well over 50 years.

Thus, I stand this afternoon to express deep sympathy on behalf of myself and other members of this chamber on the tragic death of an outstanding Nova Scotian and his dear wife.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. B. Alasdair Graham: Honourable senators, I had the honour to be summoned to this chamber on the same day as the late Senator Hicks, that being April 27, 1972. In fact, I was sworn into the Senate on the same day as Henry, as he was called by everyone who knew him well, along with the Honourable George McIlraith and the late Senator Margaret Norrie.

Henry was my friend and colleague. For a time he was my leader, my premier, and, indeed, on occasion, he was my mentor.

One thing about Senator Hicks was that no matter how tough or complicated the issue, he had an opinion, as we all know, and he voiced it, even if he knew he was in the lonely minority. He never avoided the tough decisions. We always knew where he stood. He was one of the most perceptive individuals I have ever known. He was naturally inquisitive. He was always on the hunt for new information, whether it had to do with general knowledge or a specific topic of world significance and importance or, indeed, just a tidbit.

Henry Hicks was an enthusiastic debater. He was partisan in politics but not necessarily partisan on the big issues. He was a man of great commonsense, and the common good was always his first priority. He had a great sense of humour. His loud chuckles will probably echo and re-echo in these corridors for a long time to come.

Henry's record as a member of the armed forces in World War II, as an educator, as a university president, as a minister, as a leader, as a premier, and as a senator are well documented. His death and that of his wife, Himmie, and, indeed, the two other deaths which occurred as a result of this tragic accident yesterday, cause us much sadness, in this chamber and indeed in Nova Scotia and in many areas of the country. I join with all honourable senators in extending to all concerned an expression of deep regret.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. John B. Stewart: Honourable senators, I want to associate myself with the remarks made by Senators Murray and MacEachen, as followed by Senators Buchanan and Graham. There is not much that remains to be said. However, I have two or three points that I would like to make.

I think everyone recognized that Senator Henry Hicks was a man of extraordinary ability. He had the political misfortune to come to the premiership of Nova Scotia just when the fortunes of the Liberal Party were ebbing, and ebbing fast. There were those who said that this was a great misfortune for the province. On the other hand, his departure from provincial politics meant that he was available to become, first, Dean of Arts and Science at Dalhousie University, and then President of that university. What was politics' loss was great gain for higher education in Nova Scotia. I remember talking to some friends who are on the faculty of that university. They said quite candidly that they had been appalled when Henry Hicks was appointed president, but that they had had to withdraw all the expressions of uncertainty that they had uttered, because he turned out to be an unusually good president. In fact, they referred to him as a great president of the university, a man who laid the foundation for a revival of the university in the latter part of this century, and, indeed, the foundation for a great future in the coming century.

As Senator Graham has said, Henry Hicks was a man of strong opinions. He was always prepared to share his opinions. What I found delightful about him was that after the argument was over, if he felt he had not come out all that well, he was prepared to say so. It was a most attractive quality. It bespoke the greatness of the man.

Henry Hicks was a man of sound understanding, a kind of old-fashioned understanding of the principles of constitutional government. He was prepared to explain his views whenever the occasion presented itself. I do not think there is any question that the people of Nova Scotia, regardless of their political persuasion, will agree that his death is a tragedy and a great loss.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

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BILL TO AMEND—MOTION FOR THIRD READING—MOTION TO
ADJOURN DEBATE

Hon. Philippe Deane Gigantès: Honourable senators, because of Senator Hicks' death, I do not have my heart in this debate. Therefore, I move, seconded by Senator Frith: