

S. O. 31

I pray for Canada, Mr. Speaker. I pray for Canada and I do not care what political party one belongs to, but I will tell you, Mr. Speaker, Canadians should wake up because the clock is ticking. We need a new deal for Canada and we need a new deal for Quebec in Canada.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): The hon. member for Laval-Ouest, very briefly.

Mr. Guy Ricard (Laval-Ouest): Mr. Speaker, I listened carefully to the hon. member for Hamilton East and I must congratulate her, for she did take a stand for the Meech Lake Accord and supported it. Now, her leader will go to Quebec to appear before the Bélanger-Campeau Commission and force down the throat of the Quebecers things they may not be interested to hear.

I would like the hon. member for Hamilton East to tell me how she will react to Mr. Chrétien's testimony before the Bélanger-Campeau Commission.

Ms. Sheila Coppins (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, I was among those who wanted Mr. Chrétien to go before the Bélanger-Campeau Commission so that he could explain directly to the people of Quebec what his aspirations were for the future of Quebec within Canada. It is a well known fact that he opposed the Meech Lake Accord, but we also know that, during the after-Meech—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Order, please! It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until two o'clock.

At 1.01 p.m., the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[*English*]

PUBLIC SERVICE 2000

Mrs. Marlene Catterall (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, the government's white paper on Public Service 2000 tabled yesterday confirms the concerns of the Liberal Party and Public Service employees that real consultation is not part of the agenda of the government.

The document was prepared without consultation with employee representatives and far from being a discussion paper, it is riddled with dictates like "the government will", "the government has decided", "the government will require". There is no strategy in place for a dialogue. In fact the President of the Treasury Board has sent out mixed messages about whether the paper will even be referred to a special committee as recommended by the public accounts committee.

This is the acid test on whether the government really wants to consult with Canadians or just with corporate Canada. PS 2000 is now under the microscope. The Liberal Party, the Public Service, and Canadians are watching.

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[*Translation*]

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN ARCHITECTURE

Mr. Jacques Vien (Laurentides): On Tuesday, December 11, Mr. Speaker, I attended a meeting at Mont-Rolland's cultural and community centre. The meeting had been organized to celebrate the fact that Boudrias, Boudreau, St-Jean and Associates, an architectural firm of my riding of Laurentides, has been given a mention for the Ordre des architectes du Québec Award of Excellence. The firm Boudrias, Boudreau, St-Jean and Associates received this excellence award mention for the quality of their work in renovating and enlarging the cultural and community centre of Mont-Rolland. This very functional building is greatly appreciated by Mayor Gilles Legault, his councillors and the residents of Mont-Rolland.