

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, June 22, 1994

The House met at 2 p.m.

Prayers

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

[English]

CHARLES MUNROE

Mr. John Finlay (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, June 19, Mr. Charles Munroe, a lifelong resident of Oxford county, was formally inducted into the Ontario Agricultural Hall of Fame.

He began his service to agriculture as the president of the Oxford Junior Farmers in 1941. Over the ensuing years he became president of the Oxford Holstein Breeders, president of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and president of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. Finally in 1972 to 1974 he served as president of the International Federation of Agriculture in Paris, France.

It is obvious that Mr. Munroe has committed his life to working for the farmers of Canada and the world. He has participated in many international meetings from Tel Aviv to Tokyo on behalf of Canadian farmers. The accomplishments of this man deserve not only the recognition of the agricultural community but of all Canadians. Indeed he is a recipient of the Canada Centennial Medal.

On behalf of all members of Parliament I congratulate Charlie Munroe on this prestigious and well deserved honour.

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[Translation]

INTERNATIONAL CROSSING OF LAKE MEMPHREMAGOG

Mr. Gaston Péloquin (Brome—Missisquoi): Mr. Speaker, the international crossing of Lake Memphremagog is a major tourist attraction in my riding of Brome—Missisquoi. The sixteenth crossing, to be held from July 15 to 24, will be an important event and a major challenge, both because of the

competitive aspect and the quality and number of participants involved.

I am confident that the 400 or so volunteers involved in the preparations along with the organizing committee will continue a long tradition of excellence that has always been characteristic of this world class event.

I urge all Canadians and Quebecers to come and share the excitement when the best long-distance swimmers in the world, who meet every summer in Magog, take up the challenge to swim across Lake Memphremagog.

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[English]

TIME ALLOCATION

Mr. Bob Mills (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, last night I witnessed a true wake up call in the House as the Liberal government abused closure provisions in order to hasten its summer holiday.

The Liberals across the way promised Canadians during the last election that things would be different when they were in power. They called for integrity in the system yet last night all we witnessed was a return to the Mulroney strong arm tactics of the past.

When will Canada have a real democratic government, dedicated to the people? When will we see an end to the policy of closed doors, hidden agendas and business as usual?

Total disrespect for democracy by imposing closure has to be a low moment in the House. The people of Canada reel at the thought of Mulroney style politics as usual and will show the government their disgust at the polls in the future.

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IMMIGRATION

Mr. Gar Knutson (Elgin—Norfolk): Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise in the House today, on June 22, to recognize this day which marks the 125th anniversary of Canada's first Immigration Act and the creation of Canada's immigration service.

I am honoured to be representing the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration while he participates in a special commemorative ceremony at the Palais des congrès in Hull. The minister is marking this anniversary with a special permanent residents and