

THE SENATE

Thursday, November 29, 1990

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The sitting of the Senate was resumed at 2:10 p.m., Monday, December 10, 1990, the Speaker in the Chair.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

ADJOURNMENT MOTION WITHDRAWN

Hon. Royce Frith (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, on Friday I moved a motion under Rule P-2, which provides for the senator moving a motion to withdraw it on the Monday when the sitting is resumed, and I do so.

PRIVILEGE

Hon. Sidney L. Buckwold: Honourable senators, I rise on a question of privilege.

Honourable senators, as reported in the press, it seems that remarks made by myself and my seatmate, Senator van Roggen, did not meet with the approval of many, or of some, and certainly I stand to express an apology if anything that was said by myself or Senator van Roggen offended anyone who heard or read what was said.

I want to say quite clearly that nothing was meant to offend anyone. If any person was offended, I personally apologize, and I have been authorized by Senator van Roggen to apologize on his behalf. He feels as badly as I do that objection was taken to what was said.

THE LATE HONOURABLE HENRY D. HICKS

TRIBUTES

Hon. Lowell Murray (Leader of the Government and Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations): Honourable senators, I rise with great sadness to record the death on the weekend of our former colleague, The Honourable Henry Hicks.

Nine months ago we honoured Henry Hicks on the occasion of his 75th birthday and his retirement from the Senate. We saw him off to a retirement which we were confident would be long, happy and productive. He was in good health and spirits. He had lost none of his intellectual vigour. He had years ahead of him to pursue his various avocations and the hobbies which he enjoyed, and he had just married again. All of us rejoiced in the good fortune and the agreeable future that seemed to be his, and we shared his obvious happiness and good humour.

The end came yesterday—suddenly, tragically and cruelly. Both Henry and his wife, Rosalie, were killed in an automobile

accident in Nova Scotia, their life together in retirement cut short. Our sympathy goes out to their families in their great loss at this time of shock and sadness.

Our former colleague was, as some of us noted in the tributes we paid to him last February, a man of many parts: Rhodes scholar, soldier, minister of the Crown, Premier, Leader of the Liberal Party of Nova Scotia, President of Dalhousie University, and member of the Senate for 18 years. His career has been unmatched by anyone in our lifetime. Henry Hicks leaves behind a respected name, a host of friends and a brilliant example of public service for future generations of Nova Scotians and Canadians to admire and try to emulate.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, it is with sadness that I rise to pay my respects to the memory of our late friend and former colleague, the Honourable Henry Hicks. As Senator Murray said, we did pay tribute to him and recounted in detail his career on February 21 of this year. At that time we recounted his diversified career in law, politics, education, in the provincial assembly and in the Senate of Canada. But I think we dealt particularly with his lively personality and interest in life, which he expressed in a number of ways, including that of cabinetmaking and the hobby, if one might call it that, of philately. He was one of the foremost philatelists in this country and had built up some valuable collections which he disposed of at a profit, and we used to amuse ourselves in reminding Henry of that.

On that occasion, after having recounted his career, I said:

Honourable senators, that is all I want to say, except to wish Senator Hicks many years of happiness and long life. As we know, Henry was recently married and we are glad to see his new wife in the gallery today. We wish both of them much happiness and long life.

Well, I think the events of yesterday show to all of us how precarious our grip is upon this life and how impossible it is to predict with any certainty the future of anyone's happiness. I certainly was greatly shocked to be told last evening that Henry and his wife had been killed in a road accident. Like Senator Murray, I want to extend to his family—his brother, who lives in Ottawa, and his children—my condolences. To the family of his late wife I also extend my condolences.

Hon. John Buchanan: Mr. Speaker and honourable senators, I rise to join with Senator Murray and Senator MacEachen in expressing my deep sympathy at the passing of Senator Henry Hicks and his wife, Rosalie, known by all of her friends simply as "Hummie". I found out about this tragedy yesterday in speaking to mutual friends of ours in the Annapolis Valley, where Henry and Hummie had been visiting