

they have much to contribute from everything that they have learned through their education, from on-the-job training and from life experience. Many of our volunteers are senior citizens. This type of effort must be given the recognition which it deserves. We could not do without them and we want more from them.

**Mr. Darling:** You sure do!

**Mr. Peterson:** It calls for a changed attitude.

**Mr. Darling:** You sure do! You want your other 50 cents!

**Mr. Peterson:** It calls for a changed attitude by us toward our senior citizens and toward the useful and constructive role that they can play in developing our country. It calls upon us to make better use of the talents that are there. I cite to Hon. Members one program only. It is the Canadian Executive Service Overseas under which retired people who are experienced can go to developing countries. They get no salary for it. Transportation is paid. They will have accommodation in the host country, and they will be able to bring to bear their skills there, to work. I think that type of program is one that we should all work on expanding, taking advantage of the talent and particularly the compassion that these people have.

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Our senior citizens have seen tough times but they know how to cope with them as well and they can bring a great deal to the way we want to build our society. We could never afford their services if we had to pay for them on a full-time basis.

Let us join together to give senior citizens the due recognition that they deserve and, more particularly, their due place in our society so that they can continue their valuable contribution.

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. I have the honour to inform the House that a communication has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate has passed Bill C-133, an Act to amend the Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act, No. 2, without amendment.

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#### THE ROYAL ASSENT

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that a communication has been received from Government House as follows:

Government House  
Ottawa

January 31, 1983

Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Julien Chouinard, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy

#### Time Allocation

Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, the 31st day of January, 1983 at 5.45 p.m., for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain Bills.

I have the honour to be,  
Madam,

Your obedient servant,  
Edmond Joly de Lotbinière,  
Administrative Secretary to the Governor General

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

#### ALLOCATION OF TIME TO CONSIDER REPORT AND THIRD READING STAGES OF BILL C-131

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Miss Bégin:

That, in relation to Bill C-131, an Act to amend the Old Age Security Act (No. 2), one sitting day shall be allotted to the consideration of each of the report stage and the third reading stage of the Bill; and

That fifteen minutes before the expiry of the time provided for government business on those days, any proceedings before the House shall be interrupted, if required, for the purpose of this Order and, in turn, every question then necessary in order to dispose of the stage of the Bill then under consideration shall be put forthwith and successively, without further debate or amendment.

**Mr. Neil Young (Beaches):** Mr. Speaker, I have listened with great interest to the contributions that have been made on this debate by Members on the Government side of the House. One of the more interesting ones was the one just made by the Hon. Member for Willowdale (Mr. Peterson) on the benefits that society derives from those individuals who volunteer their time to work, within society. If I may, I do not mind suggesting to the Member for Willowdale that it would be a great idea if he were to sit down with the Minister responsible for the Status of Women and have a chat with her about the things that he just said, because I think she could benefit from that.

I also listened with some interest to the Hon. Member for Vaudreuil (Mr. Herbert) who complained at great length that Members of the Opposition perhaps did not act in a very civilized manner by allowing the Government to get its own way in terms of allowing the legislation that they perceive to be important to go through expeditiously in this House. He seemed to indicate that the Opposition should in fact only oppose to the extent that the Government desired any form of opposition. Quite frankly, after listening to the Hon. Member for Vaudreuil, I developed a new appreciation for the need for a strong opposition to the Government in this particular House, because the kind of democracy that he perceives is certainly not one that I would desire or indeed that I believe the vast majority of Canadians would desire to be put in place in this House.