

Speaking Notes
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Speaker of the Senate

On the occasion of the retirement of
The Honourable W. David Angus, Q.C., Ad. E.

Speaker's Chambers
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Senator Angus,
Honourable Parliamentarians,
Distinguished guests,
Friends and family,

Welcome to the Senate and to the Speaker's Chambers where we are gathered to honour the distinguished service of Senator David Angus, who will officially take leave of the Senate on July 21. Being young at heart unfortunately carries less weight than chronological age when it comes to mandatory retirement.

The Honourable David Angus was appointed to the Senate on the advice of the Right Honourable Brian Mulroney on June 10, 1993, taking him away from a thriving legal career. He brought a tremendous skill set to the Senate, proving to be a passionate advocate for the province of Québec and for our nation.

Senator Angus remained heavily involved in the legal community throughout his time here in the Senate. Formal recognition of his continuing service includes being made an honorary life member of the Canadian Maritime Law Association, with which he served as President from 1989 to 1992, and being designated *Advocatus Emeritus* by *Le Barreau du Québec* in 2009.

His legal skills have been much in evidence throughout his time on Parliament Hill, with the Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs being one beneficiary. His extensive knowledge and experience in commercial law made him a highly valued member of the Banking, Trade and Commerce Committee, where he served in the capacity of both Chair and Deputy Chair during the course of the past 16 years.

It should be noted that Senator Angus has interests which extend well beyond the legal and financial spheres. An avid outdoorsman and keen golfer, he appreciates the value of the natural environment and has taken an active role in the consideration of related issues. This interest is reflected in his current chairmanship of the Senate Standing Committee on Energy, the Environment and Natural Resources.

Another field in which Senator Angus has gained recognition is health care. His active engagement is reflected in his participation on a number of boards, including the McGill University Health Centre and the Montreal General Hospital Corporation.

Senator Angus has served the Senate of Canada, the province of Québec and Canada with distinction and in exemplary fashion. He will be greatly missed by everyone here. Please join me in thanking him for his many contributions to the Senate, in wishing him continued success as he leaves this place for greener fields, and in welcoming him to the podium to say a few words.