

**SPEAKING NOTES  
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**ON THE OCCASION OF A RECEPTION MARKING THE  
RETIREMENT OF SENATOR JOANNE BUTH**

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The Honourable Senator JoAnne Buth,  
Honourable Senators,  
Friends and family,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

This gathering today is in the nature of a double header, since we are also bidding farewell to our colleague, Senator JoAnne Buth. Her early departure from these hallowed halls is a source of considerable disappointment to those who have had the good fortune to work with her in the Upper Chamber.

Although two and half years is a very short tenure, she used her time effectively on behalf of all Canadians and particularly those in her home province of Manitoba. Senator Buth served or substituted on 10 different committees during her first year, meaning that she was willing to step forward to fill in when unavoidable absences of her colleagues occurred. This undoubtedly endeared her to the Whip, who may be one of those who regrets her departure the most, and also provided her with a better overall perspective of the work of the Senate.

While the Standing Committee on National Finance benefited from her regular presence, it is likely that her strong agricultural background and experience made the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry her natural home. The fact that she is leaving us to head the Canadian International Grains Institute reinforces this notion. The considerable expertise she has developed during the

course of her career will undoubtedly prove to be a boon to that organization in the coming years.

Senator Buth, on behalf of all us here today, I want to congratulate you on your all-too-brief time in the Senate and wish you well in the years to come. It will come as no surprise if your new duties bring you back to Ottawa from time to time and you will always be welcome in these precincts.

It is my pleasure to now invite you to take the podium to address a few words to those gathered in this room, with the suggestion that you take heed of one of my favourite Latin inscriptions carved in the woodwork on the south wall which reads: “sapere aude” or “dare to be wise”.

Please join me in welcoming the Honourable Senator JoAnne Buth.