

SPEAKING NOTES  
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SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

ON THE OCCASION OF A RECEPTION MARKING  
THE RETIREMENT OF SENATOR FRANK MAHOVLICH, C.M.

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Senator Mahovlich,  
Right Honourable Jean Chrétien,  
Honourable Senators and Members of the House of Commons,  
Distinguished guests,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Welcome to the quarters of the Speaker of the Senate, where we are gathered today to celebrate the Senate career of one of our distinguished colleagues, a friend to many, a family man, the Honourable Frank Mahovlich. The imminent arrival of his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday early in the New Year brings with it a constitutional deadline well known to those of us who have been privileged to serve the nation from within the walls of the Senate Chamber.

Tributes given in the Chamber earlier reflected on Senator Mahovlich's athletic prowess and his accomplishments in the National Hockey League. Famous for his end-to-end rushes which often finished in spectacular goals, he certainly captured the imagination of Canadians as his teams won the Stanley Cup no less than 6 times.

His subsequent careers in business and here in the Senate have been steadier, being marked throughout by good humour, charm and diplomacy. Senator Mahovlich served on a number of Senate Committees at different times, with the

Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International trade being one which will miss his presence. He has also been a regular member of the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry throughout his more than 14 years on Parliament Hill.

He has been an asset to and a worthy representative of the Senate. It should be noted that he has been a generous contributor to charitable endeavours over the years. This is particularly the case for the Senate's fund-raising efforts each year for the United Way, to which he has regularly donated signed hockey sticks for auction.

It is safe to say that your colleagues in the Senate owe your family a debt of gratitude for sharing you with us. Senator Mahovlich, I think I speak for everyone here when I wish you all the best in your future endeavours. There is no doubt that you will be much in demand once you have been released by the Senators and are a free agent.

In the finest tradition of the Senate, I will now offer the Honourable Frank Mahovlich, Senator, Member of the Order of Canada, an opportunity to conclude this debate through right of final reply.

Please join me in welcoming Senator Mahovlich to the podium.