

Adjournment Debate and Valedictory – 1 December 2011

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (16:29): I would like to make a few comments as the Opposition Whip and acknowledge the working relationship that I have with the Government Whip and the Deputy Government Whip. I think that 99% of the time we are on song, and we have the occasional disagreement. It is probably a bit like a marriage really!

Members interjecting:

Mr PEDERICK: No, I am not going any further because this is going down on *Hansard* so I am going to leave it right there. I must say that there are things that the whips have to do to make this place run (and I do not like talking about myself) but, in working with the member for Torrens and the member for Mitchell, we have a pretty good working relationship and most of the time it works out pretty well.

I certainly appreciate that, and a lot of people would not understand half the things that go on behind the scenes that have to be done, especially in regard to the Government Whip. I do not like speaking about myself, but it does help to make this place run, and I certainly appreciate all the work we do together to make this place work.

I appreciated Manny who worked out of Pat Conlon's office, and Mel who is there now, although I believe she is in a better place today for the moment. I want to acknowledge all the clerks; the Speaker's efforts these last 12 months; and everyone who works in this place, because it is a big job to keep the chamber going; and the *Hansard* staff trying to work out everything we have said.

I want to make note of a couple of people who have worked either in or to do with this place: Rachel Stone, a clerk who has moved on, I believe, to the Minister for Transport Services office. I had a lot to do with Rachel, not only in this house but also in regard to the Select Committee on the Grain Handling Industry, and she was a great staffer to have on board.

Mr Venning interjecting:

Mr PEDERICK: And, as the member for Schubert rightly says, the bowls club. Probably someone who not everyone has agreed with at some time is Sharon Matthews from Treasury and Finance. I understand that she is one of those staffers who has kept us on the straight and narrow. She is moving on, so I wish her all the best wherever she is going. I would like to thank all the different people who work in different functions running parliament who have been mentioned, and I would like to make my appreciation known for everything that everyone does in making this place work. I would like to wish all members and staff a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Valedictory

Mr PEDERICK (Hammond) (17:30): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have certainly appreciated working with you over this last year. It was remiss of me to miss a few people out, and I will be very brief. I do not want to hold up the house, but I would like to thank my staff for everything they do for me. Helen in the Whip's office here does a fantastic job; all my electorate office staff; Jess Keen up here as well; our

Legislative Council Whip, John Dawkins, and his staff. I would also like to thank my deputy whip for his contribution throughout the year, Peter Treloar, the member for Flinders.

It is extremely remiss of me to forget one of minister Conlon's staff who has been one of the conduits in conducting the Whip's duties, Mary-Lou Corcoran. I hope Mary-Lou forgives me for forgetting her in my earlier remarks. Thank you for your indulgence, Madam Speaker.