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Hon. Larry W. Campbell: Honourable senators, I rise today to speak on a great accomplishment from one of Canada's foremost public policy think tanks. The Macdonald-Laurier Institute, a non-partisan organization located here in Ottawa, was recently recognized by the University of Pennsylvania as one of the "top 20 new think tanks" in the world.

The Macdonald-Laurier Institute, named after two of Canada's greatest prime ministers — one Conservative, one Liberal — was established just over one year ago but has already had a significant impact on federal public policy research and discussion. The institute is dedicated to promoting excellence in public policy in every area under federal jurisdiction and is a well-deserving recipient of this honour.

Their work has been cited by our current Prime Minister and four former prime ministers and has also been included in such national and international publications as *The Globe and Mail*, the *National Post*, the *Wall Street Journal* and *The Economist*.

The University of Pennsylvania's think tanks and civil societies program surveyed nearly 1,500 scholars, policy-makers and subject area experts worldwide before finalizing the rankings. To be the only Canadian institute included in the top 20 is a testament to the quality of work done by the Macdonald-Laurier Institute.

In order to ensure our government implements policies that truly make sense for Canada, we need to have informed and relevant discussion on public policy issues that matter to Canadians. I thank the hard-working individuals of the Macdonald-Laurier Institute for their contributions and encourage honourable senators to support all non-partisan organizations similarly committed to improving our public policy.
