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Hon. Larry W. Campbell: Honourable senators, I rise today with great pride. As all hockey fans know, the Vancouver Canucks are Canada's last hope for the 2009 Stanley Cup. While the Senators and Leafs unfortunately failed to make the playoffs, and the Flames, Oilers and Habs all fell by the wayside after round one, the Canucks completed round one by winning all four games, albeit a tough one in the fourth. They are currently fighting furiously with the fourth seed Chicago Blackhawks to determine who will advance to round three.

The first game of this series was a triumphant win for Vancouver as they beat Chicago 5 to 3 after losing a 3 to 0 lead. The Blackhawks rallied for game two on Saturday and

reversed the tables, making a huge comeback after two early goals by the Canucks. This was of great import to my friend Senator MacDonald.

I encourage all senators to stand behind our beloved Canucks tonight for game three as they take on the Blackhawks in Chicago. While they will be missing Sami Salo and Pavol Demitra, I am sure their teammates will make every effort to ensure their absence will not turn into success in Chicago's favour.

I would also like honourable senators to know that I was the most popular senator at the Liberal convention in Vancouver, even if I was the only one who had tickets to the game.
