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Reflections on Father's Day

Mr. Ramsay: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. As we all know, Sunday, June 15, is a very special day. It's Father's Day. For me, it's going to be my first Father's Day.

Applause.

Mr. Ramsay: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, people told me there would be nothing like having a child — holding that child, playing with that child and looking into his or her eyes. I can certainly attest to that. There is nothing like it. Given all the work that we've been doing here for the last three and a half weeks, I haven't been able to spend a lot of time at home, and I'm certainly looking forward to spending Father's Day with my son, Malachi, and my wife, Amanda.

Mr. Speaker, fathers play a very important role in a person's life. For me, my father gave me guidance, wisdom, love, strength and courage to be the person that I am today. Once a year I get to thank him for his contribution to my life, and I could never thank my father enough for all he has done for me and for my two brothers.

Mr. Speaker, I'd like to wish my father, Frank Ramsay, who now lives in Moncton, New Brunswick, a very happy Father's Day. To all the fathers across the Northwest Territories, have a wonderful Father's Day. Mahsi.