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Ms PLIBERSEK (Sydney—Minister for Housing and Minister for the Status of Women) (3.56 pm)—Mr Speaker, I seek your indulgence to say a few words about the death of Len Devine last week. Leonard Thomas Devine was born on 14 October 1923 and was 84 when he died. In March this year, he celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary with his wife, Barbara. I know that his children, Diane and Leslie, and his grandchildren will miss him very much. He was the member for East Sydney from 1963, elected in a by-election, until 1969, when he retired. Barbara and Len Devine and Len's brother-in-law Fred Miller and his wife, Rose, were very important figures in the ALP in the inner city at a very tumultuous time for the Labor Party. I just want to acknowledge Leonard Devine's passing.