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REMEMBRANCE DAY

Dr WATSON (Moggill—LP) (Leader of the Liberal Party) (10.19 a.m.): 11 a.m. on the 11th of the 11th is one of the holiest times on the Australian clock. Since 1918, along with Anzac Day, it has been a time for this country to recognise the sacrifice and heroism of Australians through the generations and through the wars—from the Boer War to the Great War, to the Second World War, to Korea, and to Vietnam. The servicemen and women and the civilians who suffered and contributed in particular have held this day very dear. However, it is also a day for the entire country and for all generations.

The latest generation now has another example of the standard of the Australian military in the East Timor situation. Today, there will be special thoughts for those men and women, just as there is an echo of the Australian role in longer campaigns, such as in the Malayan emergency.

This is the last 11th of the 11th in the 1900s. I think that deserves to be noted in the Hansard of our Parliament with a confirmation of our commitment to this Remembrance Day into the year 2000 and beyond. Lest we forget.
