

quarters module and the module that will be built in Newfoundland will be the wellhead module.

The consortium estimated that 80 per cent to 90 per cent of the person-hours for the total project management and engineering design for the gravity base structure, top side and offshore, will take place in Canada. That is 90 per cent of that will take place in Canada.

Mr. Speaker, you have heard me speak on the benefits to Newfoundland and you have also heard me speak on the benefits to Canada. Let me tell you some of the things that is going to happen on a Canadian basis. The project itself is going to require more than 100,000 tonnes of cement, which can be supplied by plants in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec, almost 55,000 tonnes of reinforcing bar and pre-stress cable. Rod will also be needed. That can be supplied by companies in Central Canada. I and members in the House can look to our ridings to participate in this megaproject.

The equipment for the project is estimated to cost another \$300 million. It includes expenditures for items such as the pressure vessels, the compressors, pumps, valves, motors, electrical units, blow out preventors, instrumentation and wellheads. I could go on, but I think I have made my point.

Most people in Newfoundland, and I was one of them for a while, believed that on September 14 that everything was over but the shouting, but it seems that there is still more shouting to be done. I am not one of the shouters. I am trying to argue from a logical viewpoint that we should get this bill under way and approved because for one thing, the hon. minister has essentially negotiated to borrow \$95 million from the offshore development fund.

It is my understanding as of today that MacNamara Construction Company will start to build the four and one-half mile road in from the TransCanada Highway into Bull Arm. Pretty soon they will be starting on the camps and getting the project under way. In order to get a production at a certain time, we have to fall into what is called the weather window of opportunity because there are only about two months in the year that this structure can be towed out and launched on the ocean floor. The downstream production has to be backed up to the

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signing. I have spoken to the hon. minister and I have spoken in the House about how hard the hon. Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources has worked on this to get it under way by October 1. There is \$95 million that we borrowed from a fund and that is not going to last for a long time at the rate of expenditure.

We on this side of the House are not very often in favour of motions of closure or time allocation or anything that would limit parliamentary debate, but how many times has this been debated and how many more times can we debate it? What is there to debate? If you want a debate to make the bill perfect, we will be debating from now until this House does not exist any more, because there is no such thing as perfection in a bill that requires this kind of negotiation. We have been at it since 1965. We are not about to make it much more perfect than it is now.

Sixty-five per cent of Canadian input, I think that is fantastic for a megaproject like this; \$5.2 billion in the construction stage and \$3.3 billion capital expenditure, \$10 billion. That is a mega-megaproject. It is inconceivable just exactly how big that is. Those in certain parts of this House who would want to go back and renegotiate for 100 per cent Canadian content or who would like to go back and double dot the *is* and double cross the *ts*, I have no time for that. If we wait for that, the oil will be in Hibernia from now to kingdom come and the only oil that we will get are the sample oils that we got from drilling the 160 or so wells. This cannot go on. We have to get moving on this bill.

**An hon. member:** How about the Senate, get moving on the Senate.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I would like to bring the House to order, please, because I would like to hear the hon. member for Bonavista—Trinity—Conception. The hon. member for Kingstons and the Islands, the hon. member for York West and a few others are having a little conversation. If you don't mind, please to keep it down or go behind the curtain.

The hon. member for Bonavista—Trinity—Conception.

**Mr. Mifflin:** Mr. Speaker, I appreciate your intervention and I am sure this will be under control in very short order because my colleagues do support this bill and they