

to read the ways and means motion. That is what this motion does.

The point about the impact on federal-provincial relations is raised by my hon. friend. Again I suggest that if he goes back to the ways and means motion, he will realize that this is far from hurting the west or alienating the west. Where does the money go? It goes to pay for the Syncrude levy. It goes in part to the Syncrude and Suncor plants in northern Alberta, and the rest goes to the government of Alberta. This is money going to Alberta.

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An hon. Member: All of it?

Mr. Lalonde: Of course. That is what the Syncrude levy is used for. It is used to pay for the synthetic oil at the international price level; the additional income goes to the companies, and then it goes to the government of Alberta in terms of royalties. So there is nothing at all here that is damaging to federal-provincial relations.

An hon. Member: It is not in the notice.

Mr. Rae: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

Mr. Lalonde: I am on a point of order, I am sorry. There is nothing at all damaging to federal-provincial relations and nothing at all that is not being done according to the standard rules.

[Translation]

Madam Speaker: Order. The hon. minister rose in answer to a question of privilege raised by the right hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark). The hon. member for Broadview-Greenwood (Mr. Rae) is seeking the floor on a point of order. I have to hear what he has to say. The minister will be allowed to complete his intervention after this.

[English]

Mr. Rae: Madam Speaker, the reason for my point of order is that the minister has issued two documents, both of which, in my view, are capable of two completely different interpretations. The document which has been released as a ways and means motion is the one that we saw. We had to go outside in order to get the press release; the minister did not have the courtesy to give it to members of Parliament. They are not sufficiently important. However, the minister is making statements about the press release; he is not making statements which relate directly to the wording of this particular motion.

Mr. Lalonde: Again, Madam Speaker, my hon. friend has only to read the notice of ways and means.

Mr. Rae: Read it out.

Mr. Lalonde: It is on the table. What that ways and means motion means is an increase in the Syncrude levy, which is at the present time at \$1, to \$1.75. That is the effect of this ways and means motion.

Privilege—Mr. Clark

Mr. Stevens: It does not say that.

Mr. Lalonde: I am sorry if my hon. colleagues again have not understood it that way, but that is the effect of that ways and means motion. It is amending—

An hon. Member: Read it.

Mr. Lalonde: This ways and means motion has the effect of amending the Petroleum Administration Act to increase the Syncrude levy from \$1 to \$1.75.

Mr. Kempling: Where does it say "Syncrude"?

Mr. Rae: The word "Syncrude" does not appear in the motion.

Mr. Lalonde: The word "Syncrude" does not appear in the motion, but it did not appear in the previous motion. My hon. friends should refer to all motions dealing with the Syncrude levy. This ways and means motion has been drafted in exactly the same way, I suggest, as the previous ways and means motion establishing the levy at \$1.

Mr. Clark: How were they introduced?

Mr. Lalonde: It is a question of drafting the ways and means motion properly for the consideration of the House and the consideration of the people of Canada. Again, I am sorry if my hon. friends are reacting very quickly. They very quickly have concluded wrongly the effect of this measure. I regret that they have been misled in that sense and that they have reached the type of conclusion they have.

Mr. Kempling: You did the misleading.

Mr. Lalonde: I regret that it has led to this misinterpretation.

Mr. Clark: Perhaps you should have followed the rules of Parliament.

Mr. Lalonde: This ways and means motion is clear. If my hon. friends have misunderstood and misread it, I regret that, but this is clearly what it means, and this is what it is doing.

Mr. Rae: Read the motion.

Mr. Lalonde: My hon. friend is very obsessed with the idea of reading it into the record. It will be printed in the record. My hon. friend did not even bother to read it when he was intervening.

Mr. Rae: Read it now. I was reading it when I was intervening. Read it now.

Mr. Lalonde: Again, Madam Speaker, the effect of this—

Mr. Clark: It is to poison Parliament, federal-provincial relations and energy negotiations.

Mr. Lalonde: —is just to increase the Syncrude levy. It is going to benefit the oil companies operating in the tar sands,