

## ENERGY

DECISION OF U.S. FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY  
COMMISSION—EFFECT ON ALBERTA

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. I think, as he is well aware, that the U.S. FERC ruling will cost the people of Alberta and their economy \$400 million.

Since the letter to the President of the United States has failed; since, as we have learned from the Secretary of State for External Affairs, diplomatic efforts to this point have failed; and since they are both looking for positive suggestions, would the Prime Minister be prepared to accept a motion before the House to allow the House to express unanimously its views on the matter so that the President of the United States, the U.S. Congress, and their regulatory agencies can hear Canadian voices united loud and clear on this important Alberta issue?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, there is no doubt in the minds of the United States about the strength of the feeling of Canadians on this question. That has been made clear.

What we must do is see if there are means open to us by which that decision can be reversed. One way in which that can occur is through the courts.

I am touched as an Albertan by the interest pretended by the New Democratic Party in the oil and gas industry in my province. Its policy calls for a halt to all exports of oil and gas from Alberta to the United States.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Fulton:** I was born in Alberta. I know a little about Alberta. I do not know what kind of Canadian unity is supposed to be expressed in here with that kind of petty comment from the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member will put his question, please.

## PASSAGE OF UNANIMOUS MOTION REQUESTED

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the Prime Minister, because the Secretary of State for External Affairs is just flatly wrong.

My question to the Prime Minister is a serious one in that neighbourly countries like the United States listen when legislatures pass unanimous resolutions. I ask in utmost seriousness will the Prime Minister accept a motion before the House so that all Parties and all Members can express their concern to Albertans and their concern to the Americans about this FERC ruling which would cost \$400 million per year?

## Oral Questions

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the question is not about unity in the country. The question is about unity in the New Democratic Party.

Let me quote their policy: "We therefore recommend the phasing out of such exports". Once it becomes known in the Province of Alberta that what the New Democratic Party wants to do with the oil and gas industry is cut off the exports and cut off the jobs which are involved in those exports, then, seriously though we regard the FERC decision in the United States and seriously though we regard that problem to Alberta, it is clear that the four letter word "FERC" is less dangerous to Alberta than the three letter word "NDP".

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

OFFICIAL OPPOSITION'S OFFER CONCERNING 35,000 ELDERLY  
WORKERS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister and again concerns older workers in Canada. We know that his performance in this matter has been dismal.

**Ms. Copps:** He does not care about it either.

**Mr. Malépart:** The Official Opposition made a specific offer to ensure that the 35,000 older workers involved will receive their cheques before the first week of July. Would the Prime Minister ask his Deputy Prime Minister, first to call the second reading debate of the Bill next week, second, to allow referral to committee so that witnesses can be heard, and third, to see to it that the Bill passes the third reading stage with amendments the first week of June to ensure that these older workers receive what is owed to them?

**Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, for several months, the Hon. Member for Montreal—Sainte-Marie has been travelling throughout Quebec promising people who are waiting for their pensions that they will be paid. Now is the time to deliver. We are ready to pay after a one-day debate. We are waiting for you.

INQUIRY WHY GOVERNMENT APPARENTLY REFUSES TO HEAR  
CERTAIN PERSONS

**Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie):** The Minister of Employment and Immigration has already made a shocking statement about the purity of the Lac-Saint-Jean area. He has already made the shocking statement that francophones do not know how to add, and he has just