

efforts the Kruger firm is going ahead to take over the Bowater Pulp and Paper Mill so that it will continue to operate in Corner Brook. I suggest that a living, breathing operating pulp and paper mill is 100 times better than having a forestry centre located in the community, any day of the year, any year of the century, any century of the world's history since recorded time began.

The hon. gentleman did not say a word about the fact that we are helping the fishermen, farmers, miners and loggers of this country by giving them relief with respect to the payment of gasoline tax. We are eliminating 12 cents to 14 cents a gallon of the gasoline tax. That is approximately two cents a litre, I believe—I am like the Member for Peterborough (Mr. Domm). Whatever it is, nothing could be sweeter than to measure in the litre. We are removing the fishermen's burden of 14 cents a gallon or three cents a litre of federal sales tax for gasoline. Did I hear the hon. gentleman say that?

That adds up to far more than the petty annoyances he mentioned. He alleged that berthing fees would increase and they would have to pay to get the weather forecast. What twaddle! One needs only to turn on the radio to listen to a free weather forecast on any channel. Very few people will have to pay any more for weather information.

The hon. gentleman forgot to tell his constituents about the tax reductions we are bringing in on taxes that the hon. gentleman increased over the last five years. Remember, they were elected in 1980—

Mr. Allmand: A point of order.

Mr. Crosbie: They do not like to hear the truth.

Mr. Allmand: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I would like to remind the House of Standing Order 35—I just had it.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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Mr. Allmand: Just a minute, Mr. Speaker, it is Standing Order 35(2)(b). This is one of the new provisional standing orders which provides for the ten-minute period following the twenty-minute speeches. It reads; in part:

—ten minutes shall be made available, if required, to allow Members to ask questions and comment briefly on matters relevant to the speech and to allow responses thereto.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order, please. I did not see any other Members rising. I felt if the Hon. Member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie) was going to comment and take up the ten minutes, I should stop him very shortly anyway and allow the Hon. Member for Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador (Mr. Rompkey) to answer or rebut the comment. But I do not recall seeing other Members rising. They are entitled to speak, and if I see them I will definitely recognize them.

Mr. Crosbie: Mr. Speaker, I have a question.

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

The Address—Mr. Rompkey

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I recognize the Hon. Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East (Mr. Allmand) on a point of order.

Mr. Allmand: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the response and the comments you made on my point of order. But this is a very serious point. These are provisional standing orders that are being tried in this House. We introduced the ten-minute debating period after twenty-minute speeches so that Members could ask questions and make brief comments, as the rule states. I think, as a matter of precedent, your ruling is very important. If Members are allowed to carry on and make full speeches after twenty-minute speeches, we will violate this provisional rule. I think it is important for the Chair to give direction on that ten-minute period.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order, please. I have already made a ruling on it. I see the Hon. Member for Regina East (Mr. de Jong) rising. Is it to ask a question?

Mr. de Jong: No, Mr. Speaker, I am rising for debate.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Hon. Member for Grand Falls-White Bay-Labrador (Mr. Rompkey) would like to give an answer?

Mr. Crosbie: Could I get to my question, Mr. Speaker?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Would the Hon. Member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie) put his question.

Mr. Crosbie: Yes, Mr. Speaker. What does the hon. gentleman think about the fact that the cupboard was bare respecting the unemployment and Canada Works funds when we got into office? We devoted, I think, a further \$480 million to a Canada Works program that is coming into effect November and December this year, including additional funding under section 38 of the Unemployment Insurance Act? Did that happen to slip the Hon. Member's mind or would he like to congratulate us on doing what we can to overcome the worst effects of unemployment in districts like his own this year? The Hon. Member's own district, by the way, is going to get \$3 million from that program.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Rompkey: Yes, my own district is going to get \$3 million, Mr. Speaker. It got almost \$3 million last year because Canada Works is a program that was brought in by this party when we were the government.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Rompkey: The use of Section 38 was a use of the Unemployment Insurance Act, a creative and imaginative use brought in by the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-Fort Garry (Mr. Axworthy) when he was the Minister of Employment and Immigration. Those program are not Tory programs. They are Liberal programs being continued. I welcome them and I hope they continue.