

S.O. 21

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

PARLIAMENT HILL

IDLING OF MINISTERIAL CAR ENGINES—ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, last November this House unanimously approved a motion to put an end to the practice of idling car engines within the confines of Parliament Hill so as to protect the environment. To this end, your predecessor, Sir, had signs put up informing all drivers to shut off their car engines when waiting. Unfortunately, infractions are taking place every day. Ministers' cars and, most prominently, the Prime Minister's (Mr. Mulroney) limousine and cavalcade are the regular "idlers". This is a small number of vehicles, true, but the attitude displayed toward the environment is symbolically very important. How can citizens take the environment seriously if the Prime Minister and his Cabinet fail to give a good example?

I call upon the Prime Minister and his Ministers to change their ways, respect the will of this House, and set a good example by please turning off the engines of their cars.

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[Translation]

INDUSTRY

DOMTAR'S TWENTY YEARS IN LABEL-SUR-QUÉVILLON, QUE.

Mr. Guy St. Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, in the midst of a black spruce forest about 80 kilometers north of Senneterre, the Domtar company at Label-sur-Quévillon is celebrating its twentieth birthday this year. Domtar has created a municipality, schools, an entire community, where people have managed to settle a part of this planet that seemed particularly hostile to human settlement but was rich in space and resources.

The Domtar plant produces Kraft pulp from resinous wood at a rate of 800 tonnes a day or 260 tonnes per year. The plant employs 605 workers and annually pays \$11 million in salaries and fringe benefits.

Mr. Speaker, initially, workers and their families saw coming to Quévillon for several years as a way to save a substantial amount of money, but they finally became attached to this part of the country where they found a great spirit of camaraderie and friendship.

Today, more than 900 people are employed by Domtar in the company's various departments, and this year, 100 employees will be celebrating their twentieth anniversary with the company.

We congratulate these workers and their wives and children on the life they have made for themselves in the Abitibi region.

[English]

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

STATEMENT MADE BY MR. TAYLOR UNDER STANDING ORDER 21

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, stereotypical slurs on any minority in Canada whether racial, religious, ethnic, linguistic, or sexual are deeply offensive to all Canadians who value equality and human rights. Such attacks are particularly serious when they come from a long-time Conservative Member of Parliament. The words used last week by the Hon. Member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor) with reference to lumberjacks—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair having already commented on the words at which the Hon. Member takes umbrage and the Chair having made those interventions in quite, I think, unequivocal language, must remind the Hon. Member that it is not the appropriate place under Standing Order 21 to carry on admonishments of Members when a Member has already been admonished by the Chair. I say this fully aware that the Chair has made it clear that the issue in this matter is a legitimate issue for this Chamber. The Hon. Member yesterday raised a point of privilege. There may have been some misinterpretation as to what the Chair said. The Chair has taken that matter under advisement and will return to the Chamber with it.

I would hope all Hon. Members will accept that the Chair feels that the continued use of Standing Order 21 for attacks on any particular Member, when that Member has been admonished by the Chair, is an inappropriate use of Standing Order 21.

With respect, the Hon. Member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson) raised a point of privilege yesterday and was given a very full hearing. The Chair will be returning to the Chamber at the appropriate time, with sufficient notice to the Hon. Member for Burnaby, to make a ruling upon the particular matter which he raised.

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ENERGY

NATURAL GAS DEREGULATION—IMPORTANCE OF ACCESS TO UNITED STATES MARKET

Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, I believe that full deregulation of natural gas can be completed by the targeted date of November 1, 1986, and I wish to congratulate governments and industry for their zeal in accomplishing this.

In my view it is imperative that the result of deregulation is free access to all markets, including the United States. Only by free access can the deregulated price reflect the true market value, and only by free access can the industry develop to its full potential.