

What we have is a Government misleading the energy sector in western Canada to secure its support and, even worse, misleading the people of western Canada to gain their support during an election campaign and to belittle and berate the Liberal Government over something that they may very well have been planning to follow even at that time, if they were privileged with the opportunity of serving as the Government. That is a treachery. Regardless of what one thinks of the Petroleum and Gas Revenue Tax, there was a misleading of the people of western Canada in this regard.

Mr. John McDermid (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I am a little surprised that the Hon. Member has chosen this particular forum in which to raise his concerns about details relating to the current energy negotiations with the western producers. He is always a little out of character when he gets so irate, at least he puts on a great show of being irate. We in the House all know that he is not like that at all.

In responding to questions yesterday in the House, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Miss Carney) very candidly stated that negotiations have reached a sensitive point in the bargaining process. I might as an aside remind the House that the Hon. Member delivered the same speech about a week before the Newfoundland agreement was signed, how terrible it was and how it was going off track. That came back to haunt him. I am sure this one will as well.

She emphasized that some hurdles could be anticipated at this time since we are involved in a highly complex regulated system which is being deregulated. Nevertheless, the Minister stated that she was confident that an agreement would be struck by the end of March. Again, today in this House she indicated that negotiations are going ahead, with meetings taking place yesterday and today.

I am surprised that the Hon. Member would say that the Alberta Minister of Energy is ignoring her. In fact, my Minister talked to all three Energy Ministers from the producing provinces today. She will announce an agreement when it is duly concluded. We on this side of the House share the Minister's confidence that a new and beneficial agreement is in the offing.

This Government has been committed to the expeditious resolution of outstanding energy issues. We moved quickly and effectively at arriving at the Atlantic Accord, which the Hon. Member remembers all too well, and we intend to reach an equally just and honourable agreement with the western provinces, which deserve it. This Government has attained a high level of success in negotiations to date because we are operating in a conciliatory environment, something that was markedly lacking during energy negotiations that were carried out in the early years of this decade.

As the Minister of Energy recently stated, the federal Government is working very diligently at putting our energy policy house in order.

Mr. Waddell: You're not in Opposition now.

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Mr. McDermid: If the Hon. Member does not be quiet, I'll push the down button on his elevator shoes.

We intend to put the oil and gas industry on a predictable footing where market forces govern both producer and consumer. Most important, this must be done in a manner that will benefit all regions of this country. The Minister of Energy has stated on many occasions that she will not carry out negotiations in public, and we readily respect this stance. We are buoyed by the progress being made in these negotiations and are confident that we will have formalized a new energy pricing accord with western producers in the not too distant future.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Hon. Member for York Centre (Mr. Kaplan) I believe is next. Was there not an agreement?

Mr. Kaplan: I can speak now, if the Government is ready.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Was it not agreed by unanimous consent?

Mr. McDermid: Mr. Speaker, I understood that an agreement had been reached as I was replying on both of the Government's responses. The change of order had been agreed to at some time around five o'clock.

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Mr. Cassidy: That is okay then.

TERRORISM—ROLE OF CANADIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. (B) SURVEILLANCE OF ANTI-TURKISH TERRORISTS

Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre): Mr. Speaker, I would like to make it clear before I begin that I had no difficulty with the original arrangement. However, I am happy to proceed now.

I would like to inform the House that many questions have been asked in the last few days about the responsibility of the federal Government in relation to the Turkish Embassy tragedy which occurred this week in Ottawa. Questions have been asked, but I would say that there is considerable dissatisfaction with the answers that have been given. The Government has not yet fully acquitted itself for its responsibilities in this matter.

There was an interesting reflection made on the attitude of the Solicitor General (Mr. MacKay) on this question the other day when he believed for a short period of time that a certain security report which I requested had in fact been delivered to me in the month of June, about two months before the change of Government. At that time he waxed very indignant that I had received the report and sat on it for two months without doing anything.

It appeared later during the day, as confirmed by Ministry officials, that I had not in fact received the report in June, that it had not been presented to the former Government at all, but that it had been presented as a new document to the new Government. The Minister was ready to criticize me for not