

properly presented for the purposes of prosecution in appropriate cases. I thank the Hon. Member for his continued interest.

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ENERGY

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF DOME PETROLEUM BY AMOCO CANADA—OFFER OF SHARES TO CANADIANS

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Deputy Prime Minister. Amoco Canada has decided to allow at least the placement of a few shares in Canadian hands should its proposed purchase of Dome Petroleum go ahead.

In its meetings with Amoco Canada the Government was impressing upon it the importance of some shares being in Canadian hands, as the Minister of Energy put it. Why does the Government not go a step further and suggest to Amoco Canada the percentage of shares which should be in Canadian hands and when the placement should actually take place?

Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I think the Hon. Member is aware of the normal process which is followed here. The company will be meeting with Investment Canada. These are matters which are discussed and negotiated with Investment Canada as part of the process.

GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, the Government takes the trouble to meet with Amoco Canada, which it said it was not doing, and to talk about the importance of shares being in the hands of Canadians, but it does not bother to say how much or when.

What we have here is a sop to the Canadian public to try to smooth the wheels through Investment Canada. How does the Minister of Finance expect the people of Canada to accept this sop and then to give up their natural resources readily?

Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I do not understand the Hon. Member. At one stage he is saying that the Government of Canada has to make sure that Amoco Canada issues shares to the general public. It is going to issue shares to the general public.

Mr. MacLellan: How much and when?

Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): Then he starts to change his mind and says: "No, that is not enough".

Investment Canada, as I said in the House on Friday, will review the application from the standpoint of investment in western Canada in the Dome properties, from the standpoint of job creation, and from the standpoint of the development of a company which is on its last legs today. Dome Canada is on its last legs.

Privilege—Mr. H. Gray

The Hon. Member should be very pleased that the Government of Canada is able to negotiate the proposal by Amoco Canada, and not be presiding over a bankruptcy.

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PRIVILEGE

INTRUSION BY STRANGER ON PROCEEDINGS IN HOUSE

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, earlier this afternoon there was an intruder on the floor of the House of Commons. Perhaps I should use the parliamentary term "stranger".

I raise this question not by way of passing judgment on anything which happened but simply to ask you, Sir, if you would investigate the matter immediately and see that any and all corrective measures that may be required in terms of security procedures involving the Chamber and the House of Commons are taken.

After all—and I couch my point as a question of privilege—we are dealing with a situation which could very well impede Members in carrying out their parliamentary duties.

This could have been a matter of some seriousness. I do not say that it is not serious; in any event, I think it is. However, I felt that I should formally raise this matter as a question of privilege because I think it involves the privileges of all Members, requiring immediate investigation by yourself, Sir, and the assurance to Members of the House and the Canadian people that any corrective measures in security procedures which may be required will be in place as soon as possible.

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, as the one who had the floor when the even occurred, I rise on the same question of privilege. I would certainly want to second the urgings of the Opposition House Leader in respect of Your Honour having a look into what transpired and what made it possible for someone to get into the Chamber like that and do what was done.

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, I rise on the same question of privilege. My colleagues and I were very concerned with what happened a little earlier. I should like to take a moment or so to caution the Speaker on something which I feel is worrisome regarding what might transpire.

It is obvious that our House is guarded by what I consider to be very competent personnel. However, in my humble opinion, their numbers standing by the doorways to the House are not nearly as large as they should be. I feel it would be most unfortunate if someone were disciplined for the fact that he or she were not four people instead of one person.

There are four doors at the back of this room, and only one person was there guarding. No matter how devoted is that