

*Adjournment Debate*

Not only will they have \$35 million to build a community—that alone would employ a considerable number of their people—but they will also have \$10 million dollars as seed capital to create band businesses. They will have 79 square miles of oil and gas rights. Moreover, they will have ongoing access to all federal and provincial programs.

We will respect their right to sue for the remainder of the \$170 million they are demanding in compensation. This is hardly the take-it-or-leave-it offer the member suggests. It would give them a modern community and a real economic opportunity. This would leave them the right to prove their claim for more, as others must prove their claims.

Instead, it would appear that the chief and his advisors have declared themselves above the law in the mistaken

belief that by doing so someone will offer them \$170 million. Behind that unfortunate leadership there is a real social and economic need which must be addressed, if the band will allow it.

For that reason our negotiators are working with the province to make refinements in the areas where the province feels it can provide support. Our offer to the Lubicon is fair and comprehensive. We are still ready, as we have been for 11 months, to meet with the band should the leaders sincerely wish to negotiate.

[*Translation*]

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 7.20 p.m.