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Crown policy injected into these partnerships or into these consortiums producing gas and oil off the west coast, in the Mackenzie Valley, in the north and on the east coast.

I was particularly concerned that in areas where we set up these holding corporations the provinces should be permitted to put somebody on the boards of directors of these Crown corporations to have policy input. If a corporation is associated with an area around Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia should have the opportunity to put somebody on the board of directors of such a Crown corporation in that area. If it was associated with Newfoundland, Newfoundland should have the opportunity to put somebody on the board of a Crown corporation dealing with production off the east coast. If it was up north, perhaps some other province or provinces should have input into policy. If it was off the west coast, the province of British Columbia should certainly have the opportunity to put a member on the board of directors of a Crown corporation holding a 25 per cent interest in production and exploration in that area. That is why I think this bill is vital and necessary.

It is appropriate that people make suggestions about incorporating greater accountability to Parliament on the part of some of these Crown corporations, but the bill is necessary because it would be wrong to assign such vast holdings and interests and such vast policy direction to either Petro-Canada or some other Canadian Crown corporation.

However, I say again that these Crown corprations must effectively be holding corporations with very few employees, and the boards of directors should adjust themselves to policy in dealing with the consortiums and partnerships which will be created.

I do not want to hold the bill up, so in conclusion let me say that if it is the intent of the government to create Crown corporations to deal with energy matters in a substantial way beyond the requirements of Bill C-48—and I say they are substantial with regard to that bill-I would be concerned about this bill. If it is the intent to create Crown corporations to build nuclear reactors across the nation or outside the country, that should be debated to a much greater extent in the House. If it is the intent to create energy corporations to deal with solar energy or some other form of energy, I think the government has a responsibility to come back to the House in relation to creating Crown corporations in other areas.

I believe the intent of Bill C-102 is to deal with the holding Crown corporations which are necessary to affect the requirements of Bill C-48 and the exploration of oil and gas on, federal lands; but if the government intends to go much beyond that, I think it should come back to the House for additional discussion of that type of legislation.

[Translation]

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, the New Democratic Party is against Bill C-102, because it gives the government, and more specifically the cabinet, the exclusive right, without consent of Parliament, to promote the establishment of energy corporations. This is against the basic principles of our parliamentary system.

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nav.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): In my opinion the yeas

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Pinard, for Mr. Lalonde) which was agreed to on the following division:

(Division No. 184)

YEAS

Messrs.

Allmand	Dingwall
Axworthy	Dubois
Bachand	Duclos
Baker	Dupont
(Gander-Twillingate)	Dupras
Beauchamp-Niquet	Duquet
(Mrs.)	Ethier
Bégin (Miss)	Evans
Berger	Ferguson
Blaker	Fisher
Bloomfield	Fleming
Bockstael	Flis
Bossy	Foster
Breau	Fox
Bujold	Francis
Bussières	Frith
Campbell	Gauthier
(LaSalle)	Gendron
Campbell	Gimaïel
(Cardigan)	Gingras
Chénier	Gourde
Collenette	(Lévis)
Comtois	Guilbault
Corbin	Harquail
Corriveau	Henderson
Côté (Mrs.)	Herbert
Cousineau	Hervieux-Paye
Cullen	(Mrs.)
Суг	Hopkins
Daudlin	Isabelle
Dawson	Joyal
De Bané	Kelly
de Corneille	Killens (Mrs.)

Lachance

Lamontagne

Lajoie

Deniger

Desmarais

Landers Lang Laniel Lapierre Lapointe (Beauce) LeBlanc Leduc MacBain MacEachen MacGuigan Mackasey MacLarer MacLellan Malépart Maltais Marceau Massé Masters McCauley (Hamilton East) Nicholson (Miss) Olivier Ostiguy Payette Ouellet Pelletier Penner Peterson Pinard Prud'homme Regan Reid (Kenora-Rainy River)

Roberts