

government initiatives must reflect and support that change. As a major employer in Canada, my Government will play a leadership role by implementing affirmative action measures in the public service. My Government believes that there is no room in Canada for sexual discrimination of any kind.

The serious problem of violence against women will also be addressed along with other amendments to the Criminal Code, and efforts will be made in concert with the provincial and territorial governments to improve health and social services for women who are victims of violence. It is time, too, to move cannabis offences to the Food and Drugs Act and remove the possibility of imprisonment for simple possession....

Energy policy

My Government believes that the price of oil in Canada must be based upon Canadian conditions and circumstances, and not upon the vagaries of a turbulent and unpredictable world market. We need a made in Canada price. A new blended price will therefore be established.... The blended price will reflect the right of producing provinces and corporations to a fair return for their resources and their investment....

A Petroleum Price Auditing Agency will be established to investigate and report to the government and people of Canada on oil company costs, profits, capital expenditures, and levels of Canadian ownership.

To improve conservation of oil and gasoline in transportation, you will be asked to approve legislation setting mandatory fuel efficiency standards for automobiles. Measures will also be introduced to encourage higher standards of home insulation, and the existing home insulation program will be improved.

Alternative sources

In co-operation with provincial governments, other steps will be taken to encourage more rapid substitution from oil to other energy sources in order to substantially reduce the significance of oil in meeting our energy needs. Policies will be introduced to encourage consumers to switch from oil to natural gas or electricity for home heating. My Government equally favours the earliest possible construction of a natural gas pipeline to Quebec City and the Maritime Provinces, and awaits with interest the report of the



Jeanne Sauvé, the first woman speaker of the House of Commons, leads members of Parliament into the Senate.

Mike Pinder, Ottawa Citizen

National Energy Board on this project.

Petro-Canada will be maintained and expanded as an instrument of public policy. ...Our national oil company will... receive a renewed mandate to engage vigorously in oil purchase negotiations and agreements with foreign suppliers.

You will be asked to approve a new Canada Oil and Gas Act, which will provide new preferential rights for Petro-Canada and other Canadian companies on federal lands, and establish new and more demanding requirements for exploration and development of these promising frontier areas.

An alternative energy corporation will be created with a mandate to stimulate the development of new and renewable energy sources to replace oil.

My Ministers believe that, if given the opportunity, Canadian companies and investors would involve themselves more heavily in the energy field. My Government, therefore, adopts the specific goal of at least 50 percent Canadian ownership of the petroleum industry by 1990, and will soon take the first steps to achieve this objective.

Developing economic potential

Canada's resource base will be used as the basic building block of a vigorous industrial policy. A paramount objective of

my Ministers is to develop economic policies that will provide jobs, spur growth, improve regional balance, and promote Canadian ownership and control of the economy.

...My Government will reduce the federal deficit in a planned and orderly manner, but not to the exclusion of other objectives such as reducing unemployment and promoting industrial growth. Improving the efficiency of the Federal Government is as important an objective of these reforms as reducing the deficit....

Food and agriculture are going to be increasingly important to the Canadian economy in the 1980s. To further strengthen the industry, my Government plans to create a Canadian Agricultural Export Corporation to expand markets for Canadian producers. A Meat Import Act will be introduced to protect both consumers and producers.

Transportation is a vital part of industrial strategy. My Government will ensure that the Canadian transportation system has the capacity to meet the economic challenges of the 1980s. My Government regards the production, transportation, handling, and marketing of Prairie grain as a national priority. Rail facilities will be upgraded, and port facilities improved. You will also be asked to consider, on an urgent basis, legislation concerning the transportation of dangerous goods.

In the fisheries sector, Canada's harvest is expected to increase substantially in the years ahead....

Licensing regulations will be changed to permit fishermen to benefit fully from the resources of the 200-mile zone, and legislation will be introduced to guarantee adequate investment in the fishing sector through partial cost recovery and reinvestment of enhanced earnings. To further assist fishermen, the ceiling for individual loans under the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act will be raised to \$150,000.

Science and technology

Canada's capabilities in science and technology lie at the heart of our competitiveness as a trading nation. My Government will encourage more young people to pursue a career in research through a new technology employment program, and will encourage and insist that industry do more research and development work in Canada. My Government reaffirms its commitment to increase Canada's overall