COMMONS DEBATES

Message from the Senate

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• (1750)

Mr. Speaker: I therefore declare the motion lost. Motion (Mr. Broadbent) negatived.

[Translation]

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate have passed Bill S-28, An Act

[The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin).]

respecting the Royal Canadian Legion, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

It being six o'clock, I do now leave the chair until eight o'clock this evening.

At 5.56 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 8 p.m.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

EXCISE TAX ACT

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton) that Bill C-66, to amend the Excise Tax Act, be read the second time and referred to committee of the whole, and the amendment thereto of Mr. Stanfield (p. 7416).

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Hastings): Mr. Speaker, before the dinner hour I had just started to elaborate on the difference between the 10 cents tax and the increase that comes as a result of the increase in cost from \$6.50 a barrel to \$8 a barrel. The point that I want to make is that people in Ontario would probably not have complained that loudly or that long about the increase had it been the result only of the increase in the per barrel cost.

My friend to my left, the hon. member for Waterloo-Cambridge (Mr. Saltsman), went into some detail a day or so ago when he explained how Ontario, as a result of the national oil policy, had paid a higher price for oil and oil products over the years. His calculations put it at something like \$5 billion. As he pointed out, there was no loud outcry because we, as Ontarians, had felt that our responsibility was to Canada first and therefore we knew that this policy was good for all Canada, so we paid the higher price. We did that for 11 years.

The Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner) in his speech opening the debate, as recorded in *Hansard* at page 7411, criticized the Ontario government, and specifically the premier of Ontario. He said:

Moreover, by freezing the price on oil the Ontario government is creating an impossible situation for one million consumers in eastern Ontario who do not draw their supplies from Ontario refineries. The government of Ontario also seems to be opposing the single price system for petroleum across Canada, and this will likely have repercussions in other provinces.

There is only one word to describe that sort of rhetoric, and that is hogwash.

Backbenchers on the government side may remember that not many months ago the government of Ontario