

Adjournment Motion

corporation to Bombardier at a fire sale price. The Hon. Member outlined a few, but, I wonder if he could go into further detail about what alternatives a Government has in dealing with a Crown corporation it wants to change, reform, make more efficient, and so on? I think this is an important question.

● (1600)

I have just had a chance to read the Minister's speech. She really does not get into anything about why the Government is privatizing. She talks about the best interests of the company, about using private resources and how the private sector's potential as a dynamic and competitive sector can best be achieved. I can point to private sector companies like Massey-Ferguson, Dome Petroleum and Maislin Industries where there have been all sorts of problems. It seems to me that Canadair was being turned around by a massive injection of Government funds and had made a profit, as the Hon. Member for Ottawa Centre indicated in his speech. Perhaps the Hon. Member could outline this again for the House so we can have a proper debate on privatization.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Order, please. The time for questions and comments is really over. I believe the Hon. Member for Ottawa Centre (Mr. Cassidy) would want to answer the question of his colleague, which was a very long question, so I will allow one minute for the Hon. Member for Ottawa Centre to reply.

Mr. Cassidy: Mr. Speaker, I would not dare to outline all of what needs to be done with respect to privatization in the course of just one minute. I would point out, however, that we have some several hundred Crown corporations which need to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. Many, if not most of them, will prove to be worthwhile to keep in the public sector. However, what the Government is doing is starting with the ideological bias of: "Let's get rid of it" and is not prepared to look at the other options which also include joint ventures, turning these corporation into co-operatives and studying means by which these Crown corporations might enter into consortiums or co-operative arrangements with other Canadian or foreign corporations. These are the kinds of options which are a lot more creative than simply "sell, sell, sell". That is the Conservative way, and it is not just "sell", it is sell out.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[Translation]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 66, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the Hon. Member for Saint-Léonard—Anjou (Mr.

Gagliano)—Canada Post Corporation—(a) Apparent contradiction in Government policies (b) Apparent inequities concerning postal services; the Hon. Member for Algoma (Mr. Foster)—Trade—(a) Announced closure of lumber mill at Nairn, Ontario (b) Restoration of jobs—Government position; the Hon. Member for Essex—Windsor (Mr. Langdon)—Pharmaceutical Industry—(a) Request that cost impact studies be released (b) Request that Minister promise to release studies.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[Translation]

CANADAIR LIMITED DIVESTITURE ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mrs. McDougall that Bill C-25, an Act to authorize the divestiture of Canadair Limited and to provide for other matters in connection therewith, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Is the House ready for the question? Resuming debate. The Hon. Member for Yorkton—Melville (Mr. Nystrom).

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): Madam Speaker, I welcome this opportunity to comment on a very important subject, namely Bill C-25, the privatization of Canadair and the sale of Canadair to Bombardier, a big Canadian company in the private sector in Montreal.

To me, Madam Speaker, what is important is the future of this country and how it is affected by privatization. It is important to know what we want to do as a country and what kind of future we want for Canada.

The privatization matter was raised two years ago by the former Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion, Mr. Sinclair Stevens. The former Minister referred to the possibility of privatizing Canadair and de Havilland. Madam Speaker, as you know, de Havilland was sold several months ago to a big private company in the United States, the Boeing Corporation.

Madam Speaker, the current situation is a bit different. We now have a proposal to sell Canadair to a large Canadian company instead of a large foreign company. That may make a slight difference in this case. Something else is different as well. We have a new Minister—he just left the House, Madam Speaker—and I think the new Minister—and I speak well of the Minister because, Madam Speaker, he is being more open with the House than Mr. Stevens was. He has given Members a lot more information than they had on de Havilland. Nevertheless, I have a number of major questions. The issue is an important one for the employees, men and women, in Montreal. It is an important one from the point of view of the role of Crown corporations in this country.