April 27, 1987

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ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S. O. 29(1)

ROPOSED DOME PETROLEUM TAKEOVER BY AMOCO CORPORATION

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 29, a matter about which I wrote to you during the Easter break, to ask that the House adjourn to discuss a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, specifically the announcement by Dome Petroleum that it intends to accept a corporate takeover by the Amoco Corporation.

Briefly stated, there are four reasons which I believe should lead to the acceptance of the motion.

First, this will be the largest takeover bid for any sector in Canadian history.

Second, this takeover by an American multinational company would radically increase foreign dominance in the energy sector from 50 per cent to 60 per cent.

Third, during the past decade, the taxpayers of Canada have contributed literally hundreds of millions of dollars in direct and indirect benefits to the Dome Petroleum Corporation.

Finally, there has been a generally established consensus in Canada that more, not less, Canadian ownership in the crucial energy sector is desirable. The principal reason for this has been that multinational corporations, virtually by definition, have profit maximization on a global basis as their operating principle. This in turn means that at times such a global policy can be in direct conflict with Canada's energy requirements.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair has had time to consider the matter of this application, and it would seem that the application is in order. The Chair is prepared to put the question to the House.

Does the Hon. Member have leave to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 29 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The debate will commence at eight o'clock p.m. this day.

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