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rigs and the multinational companies operating in the north is causing enormous economic hardships. Economies of the north that were not accustomed to this type of injection of funds and sudden increases in incomes all of a sudden find themselves left with very little. Rather than leaving the carrying out of research on the environment and social matters in the north to the discretion of two separate Departments I think greater protection of the people of the north could be achieved if this matter were to be given to one Minister and one Department. In this case I must recognize that evidently the Department of the Environment and the Minister of the Environment of the day would have the leading role to play in preventing negative environmental consequences in the first place. At the same time this would avoid social stress and damage in the wake of the withdrawal of this industry as is happening right now. This

Therefore I welcome the inclusion of Part VII. In itself it is basically a good idea. It could be improved upon. I urge the Parliamentary Secretary to make representations to his Minister along the lines of those made by my colleagues this afternoon.

withdrawal is leaving behind a number of families which are

now wondering what their economic future might be in light of

the present trend of withdrawal.

Mr. Paul Gagnon (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I have listened with interest to the comments made by the three opposition spokesmen. However, they seem to be forgetting a couple of points. First and foremost, the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development only has impact on part of the frontier lands. It has no impact on offshore Nova Scotia or Newfoundland. I refer to offshore developments on Sable Island and in Hibernia. There should obviously be some distinction between the mandates of the Department of Indian Affairs and the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources. Second, I should point out that the studies go beyond what is normally strictly environmental. They deal with people and the impact of development on those people. That is why it does not belong in the Department of the Environment but with these two Ministers.

• (1550)

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

Some Hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The question is on Motion No. 9 standing in the name of the Hon. Member for Vancouver Kingsway (Mr. Waddell). Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those in favour please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

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

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Pursuant to Standing Order 114(11), the recorded division on the proposed motion stands deferred.

The next question is on Motion No. 10 standing in the name of the Hon. Member for Vancouver Kingsway (Mr. Waddell). Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those in favour please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

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

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Pursuant to Standing Order 114(11), the recorded division on the proposed motion stands deferred.

The next question is on Motion No. 11 standing in the name of the Hon. Member for Vancouver Kingsway (Mr. Waddell). Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those in favour please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

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

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): In my opinion the nays have it. I declare the motion lost.

Motion No. 11 (Mr. Waddell) negatived.