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Mr. Jennings then went on in his statement to refer to Canada, and declared that any quotas imposed by legislation covering oil imports would have to apply to Canada, and this would be a direct repudiation of the United States' joint effort at economic co-operation with Canada.

Fortunately for our country, and fortunately for the western Canadian oil and gas industry, Mr. Speaker, the proposal to restrict oil imports into the United States is still just a proposal submitted by a group of senators. It is, I might say, strongly opposed by the United States administration as well as by the major segments of the United States oil industry. I am hopeful there will be no loss of jobs in western Canada this year, because I am also hopeful there will be no restriction by United States on imports of Canadian oil.

How important that oil market is to the United States is indicated by a few figures showing what we did last year and what we hope to do this year. Last year we first started selling oil in reasonable volume in the United States market. We managed to sell 7,900 barrels a day during the year. By the end of 1954 we were selling 24,000 barrels a day. In March, 1955, the United States actually took 47,700 barrels a day from

western Canada. Over 26,000 barrels of that goes to the Socony-Vacuum oil refinery in Ferndale, Washington; the rest goes to the great lakes area of the United States, where it is transported by the international oil pipe line.

Before the end of this year Canada is hopeful of expanding its sales of crude oil to the United States to an amount ranging between 65,000 and 75,000 barrels of oil a day, more than triple all Canada's production of oil just eight years ago. By the end of this year, provided that the doors are not closed to our oil by the United States, we shall be producing something over 360,000 barrels of oil a day in western Canada, which is something over 60 per cent of Canada's needs.

Will you call it six o'clock, Mr. Speaker?

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Rowe: What is the business for tomorrow?

Mr. Knowles: Is it external affairs?

Mr. McCann: Yes, external affairs.

At six o'clock the house adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.
