

*Canada Oil and Gas Act*

Therefore, Canada will keep pouring money into OPEC, into Venezuela and into Mexico. We are told by the Liberals that this is good for us and that it is great for Canada. I fail to see how that is great for Canada. It is great for OPEC, it is great for Mexico and it is great for Venezuela, but it is not great for Canada. What Canada will experience is loss of jobs and more rigs and investment money leaving our shores.

**Mr. Nielsen:** They are not interested over there.

**Mr. McKenzie:** Statements have been made on behalf of the oil industry recently by small Canadian businessmen and by spokesmen for small Canadian oil companies to the effect that Canada's energy policies will cost at least 60,000 jobs across Canada. The Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Axworthy) and the Minister of Labour (Mr. Caccia) have band-aid programs to create unemployment. They are on a treadmill going backwards. There is no way they can cope with the damaging energy policy that will cost Canada 60,000 jobs. Canada is on a disaster course with this energy policy, Bill C-48 and all the rest of it.

There was an excellent editorial in the *Peterborough Examiner* recently. A thorough study was done in it of the Liberals energy policy. In part, this editorial reads:

Canadians should open their windows and howl their rage till Ottawa hears it.

Never, surely, have so many been taxed so much for so little. Never, surely, have political promises been broken so cynically.

This is just what we witnessed in the last federal election. The Liberals were going to lower interest rates and give us cheap gas. It is unbelievable what Liberals will say and what they tell the Canadian people.

**Mr. Nielsen:** They have given us a lot of gas.

**Mr. McKenzie:** Yes, as the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) said, the Liberals have given us a lot of gas. The editorial in the *Peterborough Examiner* continues with these words:

It is quite useless to upbraid the Trudeau government for the despicable way it has reneged on its election promise to keep energy price increases below the 18 cents a gallon the Clark government was proposing as increase in the excise tax on fuel. The Liberals have no shame about such cynicism; they showed that in 1975 when Trudeau brought in wage and price controls, blatant reversal of a firm promise given in the 1974 election.

It goes on to state:

Surely the sting of another four cents a gallon, hard on the heels of so many other increases in energy prices since the Liberals regained office, will prompt Canadians to demand an end to blatant Liberal dishonesty.

We should shout in unison that we're mad as hell and we're not going to take it any more. Otherwise, we shall continue to get what we deserve for putting out trust in such a government.

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The last opportunity the Canadian people had to give the message to the Liberal government was the recent byelections in Spadina and Joliette.

Of course, we have seen further evidence of their blatant lies and false information sent out to the Canadian people with the

minister sending out false information on gas price increases, as the minister of state for fitness and amateur sport has done.

**An hon. Member:** Diamond-toothed Gerry.

**Mr. McKenzie:** We have now heard the hon. member for Halifax suggest that he is "diamond-toothed Gerry." That is probably a very good description.

There are a number of others in our party who wish to speak on this subject tonight. I hope they will emphasize the dishonesty of the Liberal Party in the false information it is sending out on energy prices, oil and gas prices, lowering interest rates and what have you. We have to keep up this attack relentlessly to get the message across to every Canadian citizen, the taxpayers, to show them what kind of government they have.

**An hon. Member:** They cannot be trusted.

**Mr. McKenzie:** They certainly cannot be trusted. They say they will lower interest rates. They will lower the interest rates, my foot! I better sit down before I blow up, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West):** Mr. Speaker, this House is now engaged in the final review of Bill C-48 which enacts the Canada oil and gas act. The detailed consideration given Bill C-48 on second reading, before the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works and at report stage has questioned the value and effect of virtually every provision of this bill, yet we know that inevitably the government will utilize its majority in this chamber and in the other place to stamp a mark of approval on this legislation. Our task in this final review is to make one last attempt to prevail upon the government to change the more onerous and disruptive provisions of this new Canada oil and gas act. In the presence of a government majority, which in some particulars is aided and abetted by the New Democratic Party, this may be an impossible task, but the effort to expose the unfair and unconscionable provisions of Bill C-48 will at least bring the dangers of this legislation to public attention.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Crosby:** Let me review the basis—I will deal with them later, Mr. Speaker, after I have concluded my remarks. And when I go off the cuff, in my usual fashion I will slay those members of the NDP.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Crosby:** I might have to interrupt my comments now and start on them right away.

Let me review the basis for Bill C-48 in my attempt to expose to public light and condemnation the damaging aspects of this legislation.

The bill is intended to implement the National Energy Program which was unveiled in this House on October 28, 1980, as part of the budget introduced by the Minister of