

hydro generating nuclear plants. However, they are very important.

People in Scarborough will know that in the McClure Crescent area of Scarborough there are 6,000 tonnes of soil which are contaminated. They are talking about removing that. I can tell the Hon. member for Ottawa Centre (Mr. Cassidy) that we have some of this in British Columbia. We have a problem in Surrey with low level nuclear wastes.

When we were having our hearings we were told that in the Port Hope area there is something in the order of 1,200,000 tonnes. Can Hon. Members imagine the cost of removing that? That cannot be put into the lake. Some of it is leaching into the lake. This is a serious matter.

I am astounded by the environmental problems and the contaminant problems that exist in the Golden Horseshoe area around Toronto and in southern Ontario. It is something which astounded me when we took our trip into that area. I do not think that anyone in the federal Government, the Crown corporation, until now Eldorado Nuclear, or the Province of Ontario has really faced up to what that clean-up bill will be. It will be a huge bill.

Under this legislation, as the Hon. Member for Ottawa Centre points out, the Government has committed itself to picking up a lot of the costs. I think I cited the exact figures. The first \$2 million will be borne by the company. Of the next \$98 million, 23 per cent will be borne by the company and 76.5 per cent by the federal Government. We are looking at about \$75 million or \$76 million. The cost to clean up the rest of the wastes will be borne entirely by the federal Government. That is a nice way to get Eldorado Nuclear out of its historic environmental waste disposal problem. It is one of the big liabilities, if not the biggest, of the company. It is just being quietly shelved out the back door.

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, I realize that we will not have much time to complete the debate today. Perhaps I can make a few comments before we wrap it up for today's session.

I begin my comments on the amendment put forward by my colleague from Regina on a rather sad note. This is a very dark day for the country. We are discussing turning over Eldorado Nuclear to private interests without any context of an over-all plan for turning over Crown corporations to private interests. Earlier today the people of Canada were shocked with the announcement of another initiative of the Government with respect to turning over Air Canada to private interests. Again, this is being done without the benefit of a comprehensive program or any context for this particular initiative. It is simply an ideological response on the eve of the pre-election period.

I suppose in a sense that we can talk about both of these initiatives because we in the New Democratic Party are deeply troubled when we see the Government going against what is obviously the wish of the public.

### *Senate and House of Commons Act*

I would like to consider the result of some polls that have been conducted in the last couple of days. For example, in my own Province of British Columbia I notice that when residents there are asked, some 72 per cent of British Columbians feel that Air Canada is a well run enterprise. When asked whether or not it should be sold to the private sector, the overwhelming majority of British Columbians say no, it should not. They are proud of Air Canada. They feel that it is well run and that it serves Canada. They say that it is internationally renowned. It is considered one of the best 10 airlines in the world. It is profitable.

I suppose that Canadians from my Province of British Columbia have certainly indicated clearly what they want done. It goes contrary to the Government's initiative. Perhaps that helps to explain why the popularity of the Government is so low in the country and particularly in places like British Columbia. It is because people simply do not have faith in the initiatives of turning over publicly owned enterprises to private interests.

I see, Madam Speaker, that it is time to complete my remarks for today.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** It being 5 p.m. the House will now proceed to the consideration of Private Members' Business as listed on today's Order Paper.

• (1700)

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS--BILLS

[English]

### SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

**Mr. Murray Dorin (Edmonton West)** moved that Bill C-245, an Act to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act (suspension), be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

He said: Madam Speaker, I wish to speak today and introduce the subject of my Bill, C-245, which is intended to further the spirit of honourable conduct and thought which motivate both this House and the other place. Perhaps I might also extend that to include committees, following my experience of the last hour or so, where we spent the better part of an hour on a procedural matter that should have taken a minute or so, primarily due to what I might call the grandstanding of a particular Member who was not a regular member of that committee, but who chose to use the opportunity to engage in partisanship or other activities not germane to the subject to attempt to draw attention to himself.

The Chambers of Parliament are properly the forum to address long-standing questions of proper management, economic justice, and a fair society. They are properly the realm of reasoned debate, where individual insights contribute