

Government that is attacking pensioners and attacking families.

Mr. Kristiansen: Are you calling the voters stupid?

Mr. Hawkes: Every time I see an 8.2 per cent vacancy rate in my city, my blood boils. A high proportion of Canadians are unemployed today and are living near the poverty line because we have a Government that did not understand one sector of our economy. I do not think it understands many sectors but it really messed up the energy sector.

In the month of May we imported 400,000 barrels of oil a day at somewhere near \$40 per barrel. That means \$16 million per day went out of the country to create jobs in Mexico and Venezuela. At the same time, in western Canada there was that much oil in the ground ready to be pumped at a cost of \$25 per barrel. Just the other night I heard that in this month of December there are 100,000 barrels of oil per day still shut-in in western Canada. At \$40 per barrel, that means \$4 million per day is going out of the country. Consumers could have that oil for \$2.5 million per day and collectively would save \$1.5 million per day. The other \$2.5 million would remain in the Canadian economy to create jobs. In 20 days at that rate, we would not need to cut the Family Allowance and in 40 days we would not need to cut the pensions.

Not only did the NDP throw out that budget that was fair to poor people but subsequently it has consistently supported energy policies which have driven the nation into bankruptcy.

Mr. Waddell: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The Hon. Member knows that that is not a truth. We never supported the National Energy Program. We have said that consistently in the House and have voted that way. The Hon. Member should tell the truth of the House. I agree on the energy subject.

Mr. Hawkes: The Hon. Member agrees with me on the \$514 million hidden subsidy given to Petro-Canada? He agrees that it is bad and should go to pensioners? Would he take it away from Petro-Canada? What a remarkable reversal of NDP philosophy! I hope it continues. If any Canadians are living high on the hog, it is those in Crown corporations, including Petro-Canada. They waste more money in a week than would be saved by this Bill.

Last night another Crown corporation, Air Canada, was in the news. The President was quoted as saying, "We are going to rent space or buy it for \$30 million. We do not want the \$20 million space." He said: "The difference is that we are going into a Buick instead of a Pinto".

That is the attitude of Crown corporations, Mr. Speaker. At a time of economic difficulty when a Crown Corporation is laying off 1,200 employees, it is going to buy a Buick for space instead of a Pinto. The Crown corporations are not controlled by this Chamber; they report to Cabinet Ministers and the NDP put those Ministers in place. They are guilty, they are culpable and they have to share that guilt.

Point of Order—Mr. Hnatyshyn

If this Bill becomes law and money is taken out of the pockets of families and out of the bellies of children, I hope Members of the NDP will experience some sleepless nights for helping to create a monster.

It is well known that Members of the NDP will do what they think is politically expedient. That is a well-known facet of their behaviour. But we appeal to the 10 or 15 Members out of the 147 Liberals on the other side to vote for an amendment that would make this a one-year Bill instead of a two-year Bill. We ask them to say that 12 months from now we will examine conditions in 1984 instead of trying to guess about them in 1982. That is all the amendment asks Liberal backbenchers to do. It would not bring down the Government. It simply protects Canadian children and families so that the Parliament of Canada can examine their situation at a time closer to the reality of the situation. That is not an unreasonable request. I hope that 15 Members on the other side will go along with it and vote with us on the amendment.

[Translation]

Miss Bégin: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I may call it one o'clock, since I would like to have the floor when the House resumes.

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): It being one o'clock, I do now leave the Chair until two o'clock this afternoon.

At one o'clock the House took recess.

[Translation]

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): When the House rose at one o'clock, the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Miss Bégin) had been recognized by the Chair.

[English]

The Chair, however, will recognize the Hon. Member for Saskatoon West (Mr. Hnatyshyn) on a point of order.

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POINT OF ORDER

MR. HNATYSHYN—DISTRIBUTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS LEGISLATION

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order arising out of the permission granted today by the Minister of Justice (Mr. MacGuigan) in connection with the proposed amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act.

This matter is now reaching preposterous proportions. Your Honour will understand and recall that the background of this matter is that at first the Minister refused to disclose the Bill