

moment, I hope someone will read *Hansard* and pay attention to the concept I am putting forward, if not to every word. I am sure the minister who is piloting the bill through the house is aware of the situation, as are some of his colleagues. I ask the minister to give some recognition to this concern so that we can use our resources wealth for our own benefit first and not for the benefit of some other nation.

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio): Mr. Speaker, I wish to say that we have been paying attention to the hon. member's remarks even though what he has been saying is not relevant to the bill before us. We certainly can share his interest in the development of secondary industry in this country and the jobs that depend on it. Of course the purpose of the former legislation and the approach which the Export Development Corporation will have are exactly in the direction of promoting exports of materials, equipment and items produced by our secondary industry. Therefore the operation of the Export Development Corporation should go a good way toward improving the position of the working men in the country through the provision of jobs and the efficiency generally of industry in this country, secondary industry in particular.

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I should like to say a few words at this stage. I am delighted to hear the minister say that he is as concerned as we in this group are about the export of our non-renewable resources, and that he hopes the legislation he is piloting through will prevent a recurrence of what has been happening in respect of our resources and secondary industry of a manufacturing and processing nature in Canada. I support wholeheartedly what the hon. member for Skeena (Mr. Howard) just said. I hope the minister and his colleagues, not only through this legislation but also through any other legislation which is now or will be on the books, will concentrate on keeping Canadian non-renewable resources in Canadian hands so that the products of those resources will be available for the maximum benefit of Canadians. By selling these non-renewable resources we betray succeeding generations. Our grandchildren and those who follow them will not forgive us for what we have already done in respect of some of these resources. I hope the minister will be able to correct the attitude that a buck for his friends is all right now

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchar): Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION

MEASURE ESTABLISHING OIL AND GAS COMMITTEE AND REGULATING POWERS OF GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL—REPORT STAGE

The house proceeded to the consideration of Bill S-29, respecting the production and conservation of oil and gas in the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre, for Mr. Thomson) moved:

That Bill S-29, An Act respecting the production and conservation of oil and gas in the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories, be amended, in subclause (1) of clause 4, by deleting the words "not more than" after the words "five members" in line 22 on page 3 of the Bill; and in subclause (2) of clause 4 by deleting the words "one member" and substituting therefor the words "one of the three members in the public service" in line 28 on page 3 of the Bill.

He said: Mr. Speaker, this amendment and the three that follow it are on the order paper in the name of the hon. member for Battleford-Kindersley (Mr. Thomson). It so happens that my colleague, together with other members, is in eastern Canada with the Standing Committee on Agriculture. Therefore someone had to be found to take his place. I thought this morning I had found a colleague who was familiar with this legislation who would do this.

Mr. Chrétien: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. These amendments have been dealt with in the committee and have been rejected by the committee.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): That is not a point of order, Mr. Speaker. It is perfectly in order to try, back in the house at the report stage, to do something that did not succeed before the standing committee. Is there any doubt about that, Mr. Speaker?