

I am trying to be serious. In 1977, for example, there was an outflow from Canada of approximately \$240 million in the form of dividends and interest because of foreign ownership and foreign equity. In 1978 that figure increased to over \$2 billion. I say again \$2 billion. So we have a government across the way that is borrowing more and more money to pay off all these debts. It is allowing more and more foreign ownership in this country. It intends to privatize more and more firms and turn over more and more control of our economy to private and foreign hands. We see this as having a negative effect on the economy.

We in this party say that we need a real change in Canada. We need an economic and an industrial strategy to start doing our own things. We need to take control of our economy by processing our own goods from our own raw materials. We need to start to manufacture the things we are using. We need that industrial strategy. Unless we have it we will have more of the same thing. This means a sagging dollar, more and more borrowing, more and more foreign ownership and control and more and more increases in the bank rate.

I suggest that we do nationally what is being done in the province of Saskatchewan, that is, to plan the economy, to take control of resources, to develop them for ourselves, to keep the profits from those resources at home and to keep the jobs in processing those resources in the hands of Canadians instead of having raw materials processed elsewhere. The province of Quebec is devising an economic policy based on cheap hydro power from the James Bay plants that are coming onstream. Even before the days of James Bay, hydro rates in Quebec for industry were 50 per cent cheaper than they were in Ontario and 100 per cent cheaper than in many parts of the United States.

May I call it five o'clock, Mr. Speaker?

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. McCain): Order, please. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles)—Veterans Affairs—Prorata pensions for certain widows—Introduction of amending legislation; the hon. member for Surrey-White Rock-North Delta (Mr. Friesen)—Public Service—Review of personnel management and the merit principle—Application of principles in report; the hon. member for Gaspé (Mr. Cyr)—Fisheries—Cod quotas in Gulf of St. Lawrence.

It being five o'clock the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's

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order paper, namely notices of motions, private bills, public bills. There being no items on the order paper under the heading "notices of motions (papers)" and "private bills", the House will proceed to public bills.

● (1700)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

[English]

Mr. Herbert: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The first item of business is notices of motions (papers). As you have correctly stated, there are no items on the order paper at the present time under notices of motions (papers). I do not think this point should be lost as there are over two dozen notices of motions for the production of papers that have been on the order paper since the start of this session. The government has introduced an access to information bill. The government does not seem inclined to produce either the papers or to account for the fact that it is not introducing those papers.

I just want to bring that to Your Honour's attention. The first item of business should have been consideration of the item "notices of motions (papers)". There is no consideration of such a motion because of the inaction of the government in producing papers.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. McCain): I say to the hon. member for Vaudreuil that there has been no transfer of motions to the order paper at this time. Therefore, order No. 1 in the name of the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro) will stand at the request of the government. Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. McCain): Shall item No. 2 in the name of the hon. member for Fraser Valley West (Mr. Wenman) stand?

Some hon. Members: Stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. McCain): The House will now proceed to item No. 3.

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FOREIGN ECONOMIC BOYCOTT REQUESTS REPORTING ACT

MEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR REPORTING OF INFORMATION

Mr. Bob Kaplan (York Centre) moved that Bill C-203, to provide for the reporting of information relating to foreign economic boycott requests, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.