

Petroleum Incentives Program Act

was asked, "What will you do with the oil?" He said, "Well, we will export it to Japan." It is the same pattern, "Give us more money, we will find the resource and then we will export the resource."

Many hon. members in this House have said the industry can be regulated. It is the most over-regulated industry in Canada. However, if we look at the history we find that the industry can manipulate the regulator. The industry has had no problems manipulating the National Energy Board or the Government of Canada.

I feel sorry for a man I once knew years ago, Joe Greene. He was manipulated and misled by the industry. He stood up in the House and said, "We have enough oil to last 300 years." We are now told that we have enough conventional oil to last nine years. That is why we must go to the north and give grants, and why we must develop the tarsands. One sees that it is the same pattern. Now everyone talks about the late Joe Greene as the minister who stood up and said, "We have enough oil for 300 years." Poor Joe Greene. That is his legacy and it should not be his legacy. He was manipulated.

However, I would say something further about Canadianization and the way these PIP grants work. If we could get this message out to average Canadians, they would be appalled. The way the grants work is that a percentage of each dollar of exploration in Canada lands is returned to Canadian companies. However, this can be manipulated. Defining a Canadian company is like the old shell game. Look at the way Dome suddenly emerged as a Canadian company. These grants will be manipulated and there will be groups of companies which will say they are Canadian. They will get minor Canadian partners, but they will really be dominated by Imperial, Shell and so on.

A Canadian company, one that is Canadian owned, not Canadian controlled, can drive a truck through these COR provisions, as we have demonstrated in the committee and at other hearings. Some hon. members opposite have demonstrated this in relation to Bill C-48. At a minimum, there is a real danger that companies will be able to get around the Canadian provision. They will be able to say they are Canadian owned when really they are not. A Canadian-owned company receives 80 cents on the dollar, and if it pays income tax, it receives another 13 cents. Therefore, it receives 93 cents on the dollar for drilling. That is all for the poor oil companies, 93 cents on the dollar. What do we get back? We get back a 25 per cent equity. This is a pretty bad business deal. That is a pretty rotten deal. I do not know any businessman who would enter into that kind of deal, but the Government of Canada will enter into it. It says it is a radical program.

This Saturday I have to go to my constituency office on a working class street in Vancouver. People come into my office who are receiving pensions of \$300 a month. This weekend I must deal with a case of a man who applied for a disability pension of a measly \$350 a month, but he cannot get the pension. He is 58 and cannot work because of an injury. What does he get? He gets nothing from this government.

What does Dome get from this government? Its president earns \$625,000 a year, and the government is about to give a

big chunk of the \$6.5 billion to that company. That is disgraceful, it is obscene. Those are the kinds of things being done in this country. The ministers say that there is public support. There is not public support for that in this country. There is public support for Canadianization.

I suggest the government look at the work of the committee on Canadianization. That committee was originally supported by this government. It came to Ottawa and met, I suspect, under the auspices of this government. Someone allowed its members to use the old railway station, the Conference Centre and it came up with some resolutions which I would like to quote.

In a letter to the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), the committee wrote:

—the majority of Canadians will support a determined and effective program to bring our energy resources under Canadian, particularly public, ownership and control which ensures that these resources are developed and utilized in the best interests of the nation—

Again, on January 24, 1982, it wrote:

—Canada's goal must be increased to at least 75 per cent Canadian ownership of the vital petroleum industry by 1985 with Petro-Canada the largest oil company in the country—

That is not what the minister proposed tonight. Does Your Honour know what the largest Canadian-oil company in the country is? I ask you, Mr. Speaker, as you are from British Columbia and are well-acquainted with the affairs of the world, what is the largest oil company in Canada? Right now, the largest Canadian-oil company is Imperial Oil. The largest Canadian-owned company is Dome Petroleum, not Petro-Canada. People see the Petro-Canada signs in the east. Petro-Canada took over Petrofina in the west when it took over Pacific Petroleum, and the people think we have a real Canadianization program. They think that Petro-Canada is predominant and that we are doing something. However, that is not the case at all. As a matter of fact, Ambassador Towe, the former Canadian ambassador to the United States, speaking in New York said, "The government will not become involved in any more public ownership. It is finished." Therefore, Petro-Canada will not expand.

The committee to Canadianize, representing some really top people across Canada, urged the Prime Minister to achieve 75 per cent Canadian ownership of the vital petroleum industry by 1985.

I suspect that when the government listens every day to my friend, the Conservative energy critic, and to some of these other energy critics, it will get the wrong impression. There is support in the country. What I am trying to tell the government is that it should do more, go farther and seize this opportunity to make it of great concern. If René Lévesque were the prime minister of Canada, Mr. Speaker, do you know what he would do? He would take over the oil industry and make Petro-Canada the predominant owner of the oil industry. He would get this country together by doing that. That seems an odd thing to say, but consider what Lévesque and some of the Quebecers did with Quebec Hydro, and there was public support. This country is waiting for that kind of leadership.