

oil prices. It should be noted too, that our gasoline prices are very much lower than those in European countries.

As the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Chrétien) noted in responding to the Hon. Member's question on February 22, the oil pricing policy has not been changed. Under agreements in operation since the latter part of 1981 with the Governments of Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, Canadians are benefiting from lower oil prices than if our prices were set at international levels.

Representations have been made by those who feel that changes are now needed in the 75 per cent relation to the international level and that the domestic price should be raised

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immediately, or in steps, to the international ceiling. The Government understands their views but would be extremely reluctant to change the basic policy. In any event, it would be premature at this time of great price uncertainty to take any final decisions. What can be said with certainty is that price and decisions for the future will have careful regard to the interests and concerns of producers and consumers, and to the objectives of regional and economic growth.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

At 6.34 p.m. the House adjourned, without question, pursuant to Standing Order.