

In response to the question of the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, this Party needs no lessons in Canadianization. It was in 1977 that the Conservative Opposition stated as a specific objective of its energy policy that it wanted to see 50 per cent of the industry owned by Canadian companies. That is a policy that we stand by. This energy accord fully supports that. As my colleague, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, has said on many occasions, we are committed to achieving that.

● (1420)

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

CREATION OF JOBS

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, on a reading of that oil deal, that is not what it says. I can understand Mr. Allan having one isolated quote misinterpreted, but not a whole column of a story in *The Toronto Star*.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): Not a whole column.

Perhaps the Minister of Finance, in his bootlegging mood, would like to explain to the House where the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources got that alleged list of jobs that were going to flow from this agreement. She cited from it spontaneously. Is that list going to be tabled in the House? Will the Minister table that, or has that list mysteriously disappeared to save the credibility of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources? More than that, have the studies that his own Department is making on how consumer taxes ought to be placed on gasoline at the pump in order to make up the difference lost by the Treasury as a result of this oil deal to the multinational companies mysteriously disappeared, to preserve the honour of the Government of Ontario?

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, surely the Right Hon. Member is not reading just *The Toronto Star* for this type of information. Surely he understands that there are other objective sources of information than one column in *The Toronto Star*. Let me read to him from the Economic Council, surely a very objective observer:

The impact of deregulating oil and natural gas prices without other changes in taxation or royalties was simulated. Based on this assessment, we concluded that as many as 100,000 jobs might be created. The Council also simulated various possible tax changes.

It goes on to say:

It is difficult to make precise comparisons, but it is well known that tax cuts usually have a stimulative effect.

In other words, it is saying that there are more than 100,000 jobs that were referred to in the previous work.

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): How about the 300 and 225?

Oral Questions

Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): Maybe the 300 and 225 will be there as a result of the agreement. This did not take account of the agreement that was signed last week. This only called for 100,000 jobs. If the Right Hon. Member is patient, maybe we will serve him up the 100,000 or 200,000 jobs more than this.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

LITTON SYSTEMS ADVERTISEMENT

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg-Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Deputy Prime Minister and sometimes Minister of Defence. Today in the daily newspapers around Canada, the Prime Minister is sharing top billing with a major defence contractor, extolling the virtues of increased defence expenditures for job creation. Furthermore, this defence contractor is presently in the bidding for a major defence contract. We would all understand and agree that not only is it improper for the Prime Minister to be lending his support to a company that is presently bidding for a contract, but it is a terribly insensitive act at a time when many Canadians are concerned about the proposed involvement of the Government in research in the star wars program of the United States.

Did the Prime Minister know about this ad? Did he or anybody in his office give approval for this ad to appear? In fact, is this ad part of a government program to get the defence industry to promote its interest in getting more heavily involved in defence contract work with the United States?

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Did you ask that kind of question in the State Legislature in Florida?

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I would first like to say how happy I am to see the Hon. Member back in the House.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Tanned and fit.

Mr. Nielsen: Tanned at least. He looks a great deal healthier than I am.

● (1425)

In direct response to the Hon. Member's question, let me read to him a telegram from Ronald R. Keating, President of Litton Systems Canada Limited, which I received late this morning.

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): You have been busy this morning.

Mr. Nielsen: Yes, indeed I have. The telegram reads:

This is to confirm that the advertisement placed by Litton in today's *Globe and Mail* and *Ottawa Citizen* was done without the permission or consent of the Prime Minister's Office or any of his staff.

Yours truly, Ronald R. Keating.