

*Oral Questions*

trade negotiations. Is the Government losing control of our energy industry because the Prime Minister does not want to risk offending the American Government?

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**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I grew up in and represent the Province of Alberta. I know that when the Government of Canada and this country began to lose control of and hope in our energy industry was when the Liberal Party, of which the Hon. Member was a supporter, brought in the National Energy Program which devastated western Canada and which set in place the circumstances that brought Dome to its present situation.

I also know that there is no relation between the question of Dome and its possible acquisition and the trade negotiations.

**Mr. MacLellan:** With this Government, the Canadian people have given up practically all hope at all.

## GOVERNMENT POLICY

**Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys):** What I want to know is why the Government remains quiet while the Americans tell us not to use our laws while the free trade negotiations are undertaken? They did not hesitate to use their laws and impose tariffs on softwood lumber.

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, if one wants to get into an argument about which Government has used which powers, let me say that there has also been the use by Canada of Canadian legislation with respect to the corn countervail. There has been action by the United States on a wide range of Canadian commodities. Surely the point is to arrange a situation where, instead of having conflicts over corn, over softwood and over these matters which are costing Canadians jobs, we should instead put in place—

**Some Hon. Members:** Sell them out.

**Mr. Axworthy:** "Sell them out Joe", we call him.

**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):**—a new trading arrangement.

## CANADIAN OWNERSHIP OF OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver—Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, I want to direct my question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources on the same subject but a different line.

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** You just pulled your line in, John.

**Mr. Crosbie:** The line is in the streets.

**Mr. Waddell:** We know from the Government's own records—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**An Hon. Member:** Order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** I think I mentioned yesterday to Hon. Members that, when we have these delays, the Question Period is a little longer than it would be otherwise.

**Mr. Waddell:** We know from the Government's own records that foreign oil companies have not served Canada's energy interests as well as Canadian oil companies. For example, in the first six months of 1986, Canadian companies with 48 per cent of the upstream oil and gas revenues made 58 per cent of the capital expenditures, whereas foreign controlled companies with 52 per cent of the revenues—

**Mr. Crosbie:** Question.

**Mr. Waddell:**—made only 42 per cent of the expenditures. Does the Minister agree that there are clear benefits to Canadian ownership in the oil and gas industry? And if he does, why the hands off attitude to the Dome-Amoco deal? Is it really because Mr. Bruce Smart is calling the shots for Canada?

[Translation]

**Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, we can always find statistics that say what we want them to say. Yesterday, I showed the Leader of the New Democratic Party figures on investment in research and development—I did not really want to release them, but you are forcing my hand—that show that the two largest Canadian companies, Petro-Canada and Nova, have a percentage far lower than Esso, Shell and several other multinationals, so that depending on the point of comparison we want to establish in a given sector, we can always prove what we want to prove, while the important thing is not proof but reality. The reality is that, as far as Dome is concerned, we have a corporation from outside Canada which Dome regards favourably, and that the Canadian Government has all the instruments it needs to ensure that the interests of Canada will be protected, and that is what we are going to do.

REQUEST THAT TWO OFFERS FOR DOME PETROLEUM BE MADE PUBLIC

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver—Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary. The other day, Mr. Maier, President of TransCanada Pipeline, said there was no difference between the offer made by Amoco and the offer made by TransCanada Pipeline. Why doesn't the Government disclose the two offers so that the Canadian public can see whether or not there is a difference?

[English]

**Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** For a very simple reason, Mr. Speaker. We are not the ones who put Dome on sale. Dome is owned by Dome. It is as simple as that. The Government has not received any offer and it should not receive any offer. It is up to Dome to