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now, not one petrochemical plant industry can be built in Newfoundland from the offshore petroleum resources until existing industrial capacity is satisfied in three other provinces in Canada under an agreement between the Province of Newfoundland, under the former government, not the present government and this government in legislation passed before this House.

• (1800)

Imagine if the Government of Canada had brought in legislation when the tar sands projects were being negotiated, and said that we are going to contribute to this, but the oil that comes from here will have to go to existing industrial capacity in British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Ontario, and Quebec. It would be unheard of, it would be laughed out of this Chamber. But that is what we have had to put up with under this Hibernia deal just to get it going.

And we have to put up with hearing the minister announce 1,100 jobs when the thing gets going. We have had to put up with an agreement that says that only the Come-by-Chance oil refinery can be served by all this offshore resource for all time if the Come-by-Chance oil refinery was operating at capacity on the day of the coming into force of this act.

Just imagine what we have had to put up with in Newfoundland. Where do all of our energy resources presently go? Let me put it on the record of the House. We sell it to Hydro Quebec for \$8 million and it sells it for \$800 million to the United States. So let us keep things in perspective here, let us keep this record straight and let us have it on the record that Newfoundlanders are fed up with this. They are fed up with giving this away and that away and something else away and being told, well now this has got to go to this province, this has got to go to that province. And now we have a group of people down here, the "bloc head" is not here today but the new kids on the block are here. They are the guys who are saying this is not good enough for the Province of Quebec. Mr. Speaker, we say this is not good enough for Newfoundlanders either, but we want this project started and we are not going to put up with these stalling tactics by this group of members down in the far corner.

Mr. Ian Waddell (Port Moody—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I would like to address some remarks on this motion as well. I just want to answer the question asked by the hon. member from Newfoundland. He asked where all their energy resources had gone. Under the previous Liberal government, the Trudeau government, they all went to the federal government and at least the Conservatives have split it fifty-fifty, between the provinces and the feds in terms of control and so on. He should at least concede that the Province of Newfoundland had a worse deal—well it had no deal because Hibernia did not happen—in terms of sharing energy resources. I am sure I will hear the old kid on the block on this later on.

I also want to point out to him that the Premier of Newfoundland is lukewarm to this deal. As I understand it, he is saying, "Look, maybe we are not going to get all these things that we thought we were going to get"—

An hon. member: They will lose equalization payments.

Mr. Waddell: —and as my colleague points out, they will lose equalization payments in return. Let us be careful of who is benefiting from this.

I do not want to get in between a dispute between Newfoundland and Quebec here because you cannot win on that—

An hon. member: Oh, oh!

Mr. Waddell: No, no. I was just going to say something that you might consider sensible. With respect to the Hydro Quebec deal and the Newfoundland deal, if we were really sensible people and Quebec was sensible—and I put the blame on Quebec mainly—it would renegotiate that deal. It is not fair. I say that and I am from British Columbia. It is not fair. It is part of the reason for bad blood between Newfoundland and Quebec. We are going to have to create some good blood and one way is to renegotiate that deal. I can say that because I am an outsider to this but I know a little bit about it. Second—

[*Translation*]

perhaps I may inform the «Bloc Québécois» or our independent members that I agree with the amendment.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.