

for peaceful purposes can take place. Canada is exerting its best efforts in this regard.

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As already noted, there are a number of proposals currently before the international community for evaluation and possible implementation. Among these proposals are the question of fullscope safeguards as a condition of export, measures to minimize the risk of proliferation arising from sensitive phases of the nuclear fuel cycle such as reprocessing, international plutonium storage, international spent fuel management, regional fuel cycle centres and international waste depositories. All of these subjects are complex and have positive and negative aspects in varying degrees. Canadian officials are participating in international discussions on many of these ideas. It is, however, too early in those discussions to make a definitive judgment as to the ultimate merit of the various proposals.

PARKS CANADA—CANCELLATION OF PROPOSED RELOCATION OF REGIONAL OFFICE FROM CORNWALL TO PETERBOROUGH

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Mr. Speaker, my remarks tonight grow out of an answer in the question period given by the Minister of the Environment (Mr. Roberts) to my concerns about the cancellation of the Parks Canada move to Peterborough. The minister's answer as to the justification for this cancellation of the move was, and I quote from *Hansard* for May 5:

My concern is primarily for the morale and the interest of the workers of Parks Canada.

I wish to read into the record the statement of the workers of Parks Canada in their bulletin of August 15, 1979, in which they say, and I quote:

It has been stated in the press that a majority of Parks Canada employees are opposed to the move and this supposition is being used to bolster the case for retaining the office in Cornwall. From informal conversation and through an institute meeting held today, I have ascertained that the majority of the PIPS membership—

That is the Professional Institute of the Public Service.

—are prepared to move to Peterborough and all are pleased that at last a definite decision has been reached.

I remind this House that this is just one more case of crass political politics, pork-barrelling, or whatever you wish to call it. In reality it was the Liberal government which initiated the studies that determined the facts that it would be more economical and feasible to operate Parks Canada in Peterborough, more centrally located to Ontario than in the southeast corner of the province in the city of Cornwall.

It was also the former Liberal government that made the first recommendation in 1973. The then minister, the hon. member for London West (Mr. Buchanan), announced to the people of Canada that Parks Canada was moving out of Cornwall. It was further announced by the then minister of the environment, Hugh Faulkner, the Liberal member of Parliament for Peterborough prior to myself, that he had it in place, that it was a reality and that it was coming to Peterborough.

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The only thing that went wrong in the Liberal planning of the Thirtieth Parliament was the fact they lost the seat in 1979 to a Conservative. The result of that election in 1979 caused the Liberals, after seven years of study, to review again the position of the Parks Canada office as to whether it should go to a Conservative seat now that a Liberal had lost the riding of Peterborough.

The net result of that study in 1979 reaffirmed through the main estimates committee meeting in the Thirty-first Parliament that the government could save \$200,000 a year by having Parks Canada in Peterborough where it would operate more effectively and efficiently. That is in the minutes of the environment committee dealing with the relocation of Parks Canada.

The Quebec branch of Parks Canada moved out of Cornwall in 1975. The Ontario branch was to move out of Cornwall as soon as Cornwall received the ministry of transportation driver training branch. That took place. In the election of 1980 the Cornwall Liberal member, now a cabinet minister, campaigned that if he was elected it would go to Peterborough over his dead body. I remind the House that to keep this minister alive, it will cost the taxpayers of Canada \$200,000 a year as they operate ineffectively and inefficiently from Cornwall. It will cost the relocation back to Cornwall of 23 families who have purchased homes in Peterborough. It will create a wasteland in downtown Peterborough where they have purchased a property and facility through an arrangement to operate Parks Canada on a five-year \$800,000 lease.

● (2215)

I would remind the House that this is nothing more than crass political politics. It is pork-barrelling of the worst kind. It is moving not only Eldorado to a minister's area in the north from a Conservative riding in the southern part of Ontario, it is also moving Parks Canada from a Conservative seat in Peterborough to a Liberal constituency in Cornwall. For long enough we have watched this type of barnyard politics as the animals in the farmyard nuzzle in with snouts to the trough endeavouring to take every dollar out of the taxpayers of Canada, regardless of waste, regardless of planning, regardless of their own studies, in the interests of their own ridings so as to pork-barrel every dollar of the taxpayers' money into ministers' constituencies.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Roger Simmons (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Science and Technology and Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, the facts concerning the proposed move are these: The move was first initiated by a Liberal administration. It was deferred by a Tory administration and it was rescinded by the present Liberal administration, the present Minister of the Environment (Mr. Roberts).

In making the decision to rescind the move the Minister of the Environment took into account, of course, the morale of the employees. But he did not overlook the question of costs and the effects on the Parks Canada administration. Once a