

billion additional because we want to make the weekend driver feel more comfortable and let him burn more gasoline.

Mr. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi): It is not quite that simple.

Mr. Lambert: The hon. gentleman is twinned with Alberta, but obviously he has not been out there.

Mr. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi): Oh, yes, I have.

Mr. Lambert: Then he has not listened to what the people have been telling him. I should like to invite him to spend two or three weekends in my constituency. I will let him listen.

The third promise the Prime Minister made was to develop an industrial strategy which would provide jobs, growth and increased Canadian ownership and control.

I know what the hon. member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) will speak about when his turn comes—industrial strategy. We have not seen one iota of industrial strategy from this government or a strategy which would promote jobs. We have seen a continuing increase in the number of jobs lost. In my province the foolhardy National Energy Program will mean that on a cumulative basis in this year we will lose some 40,000 high-paying jobs.

I listened to the fatuous remarks of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Lalonde) when he tried to convince us by reading from *Oilweek* about the number of drill rigs that are working. They are working on contracts from last year, Mr. Speaker. When the new 1981 programs come into effect, things will be different. It takes time to dismantle a rig. How long can a rig stand idle? The minister should listen to the drill rig people. Incidentally, these people are Canadians. Over 90 per cent of the drilling equipment in this country is owned and operated by Canadians, but they are going south of the border. That is denied by the ostriches opposite, those super-ostriches. They would not know what a drill rig looks like or what a service rig looks like. They are being shut down, and the men who take them to the United States cannot work there because the Americans do not allow Canadians to enter their labour market. So these men will be a double burden on the economy. First of all, they are losing high paying jobs, so their taxes are lost, but they still have mortgages to meet, and in the past they have made contributions to their communities. When they return, they will draw unemployment insurance benefits. It is a double whammy against Canada's economy.

We are living in the never-never land of preoccupation with the dross of our constitution and not paying attention to inflation, unemployment, job creation and industrial policy.

Mr. Knowles: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. Even though they are not now in the House, I should like to congratulate the government whip and his deputy for having corrected a rather disgraceful situation that obtained most of this afternoon. It is true that more than 20 individual members have been in the House from time to time, but for most of the afternoon we were far below a quorum. I was tempted to call it

but did not. I hope we will have 20 members here until five o'clock.

● (1600)

Mr. Lambert: You can share that blame yourself, Stanley.

Mr. Collette: Mr. Speaker, I cannot let the comments of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) go without some reply. While it is true there may not have been 20 members in the chamber at any one time this afternoon, there are many members in the lobby. The rules certainly do permit those people to come in if a quorum is called. I would not want the hon. member to mislead the Canadian public—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The Chair had no call for a quorum this afternoon. The discussion is not in order at this point. At this stage we shall proceed to private members' business.

[*Translation*]

It being four o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely notices of motions, public bills and private bills.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

[*Translation*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall motion No. 24 in the name of the hon. member for Durham-Northumberland (Mr. Lawrence) be allowed to stand by unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall motion No. 25 in the name of the hon. member for Cumberland-Colchester (Mr. Coates) be allowed to stand by unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall motion No. 27 in the name of the hon. member for York-Sunbury (Mr. Howie) be allowed to stand by unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall motion No. 28 in the name of the hon. member for Selkirk-Interlake (Mr. Sargeant) be allowed to stand by unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.