

Petroleum Administration Act

Therefore, when these kinds of subsidies occur, it naturally goes without question that somebody has to pay for them, and that is the principle all Canadians have accepted since the days of confederation.

Others said that oil is a commodity like all others and asked why it should be taxed any differently, why we should be suppressing the world price and why the producing provinces should not be getting the world price for oil as they do for all other commodities. I pointed out to western Canadians that by the law of supply and demand last year the supply markets on a worldwide basis increased and demand dropped. Therefore, by any other law of supply and demand the price should have dropped, but that did not occur. The price on the market doubled, so I say that oil cannot be a commodity like all others if that is what is happening on world markets. I said that the difficulty the federal government faces—and we have attempted to address it through the establishment of a national energy program—comes back to the way in which taxes from the resource industry accrue either to the province or to the federal government. To put it in perspective, the revenues which are derived from the oil and gas industry in Alberta for every man, woman and child amount to \$1,851.

Let us compare that amount with the revenues derived from resources in Manitoba of only \$46 for every man, woman and child, and in Ontario from the resource field of only \$23 for every man, woman and child. When there is a discrepancy of the difference between \$1,851 per person in Alberta compared with \$23 in Ontario—and there are other provinces in which the figures are still lower—the federal government clearly has a problem. No matter how we attempt to increase federal revenues in order to distribute and equalize so that Canadians can share, somebody must give in this respect. Unfortunately, at the present time it is Alberta, but this will happen, as it has since confederation, to each province. At varying times in our history some of the provinces have been “have” provinces and others “have-not”. The “haves” change from time to time, and so do the “have-nots”. The time may come when Ontario will be a “have-not” province. If there is to be the semblance of a fabric of nationhood, we as members of Parliament will have to accept the fact that the “have” provinces must share with the “have-nots”. I appeal to hon. members opposite to sell that message.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): It being 5.45 p.m., pursuant to the order made on Friday, November 21, 1980, the House will now proceed to the deferred division on the motion of Mr. Waddell, seconded by Mr. Knowles, relating to the Petroleum Administration Act. Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Waddell) which was negated on the following division:

● (1750)

(Division No. 35)

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Benjamin
Blackburn
Bosley
Broadbent
Clarke
(Vancouver Quadra)
Cook
Cooper
Cossitt
Crosby
(Halifax West)
Crouse
Dantzer
Darling
Deans
de Jong
Dick
Dinsdale
Domm
Ellis
Elzinga
Epp
Fraser
Friesen
Fulton
Gamble
Greenaway
Gurbin
Halliday

Hargrave
Hawkes
Hees
Howie
Itinuar
Jarvis
Jelinek
Jewett (Miss)
Keeper
Kemping
Knowles
Kristiansen
La Salle
Lewis
Lewycky
MacDonald
(Miss)
MacKay
Manly
Mayer
Mazankowski
McCain
McCuish
McGrath
McKenzie
McKinnon
McMillan
Miller
Mitchell
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(Esquimalt-Saanich)
Murphy

Murta
Neil
Nickerson
Nielsen
Nowlan
Nystrom
Oberle
Orlikow
Paproski
Parker
Patterson
Reid
(St. Catharines)
Riis
Robinson
(Burnaby)
Rose
Sargeant
Scott
(Hamilton-Wentworth)
Scott
(Victoria-Haliburton)
Shields
Siddon
Skelly
Stewart
Taylor
Thacker
Waddell
Wenman
Wise
Wright—88.

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Appoloni
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(Gander-Twillingate)
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