

gallons a day. On this basis we can say that the subsidy would amount to about \$1 billion some odd. The purpose of this subsidy is to eliminate the differential in price so that the consumers in Quebec and the maritimes, apart from transportation costs, will pay the identical price for gasoline for their cars and for energy for their factories as the people in the province of Alberta.

This is why I say the premier of our province and the premier of Saskatchewan have measured up first as Canadians for the good of all Canada because energy at this time, particularly in world affairs and in respect of the confrontation which is going on in the Near East, is so important to the economic activity of our country. For that I congratulate our premier.

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Now, as to the two producing provinces, let me emphasize something. The NDP love to compare what the province of Alberta is making out of oil with what the people are getting out of it. I can answer that very quickly. It is time that that fiction was exploded because it makes me sick. I have lived in both provinces. We had a CCF government from 1944. As a result of their socialist and nationalistic philosophy, industries were driven out of the province. That is the reason the province of Alberta is a have province and for years the province of Saskatchewan has been a have-not province.

Then, members of the NDP talk about whether the people are going to collect 15 cents a barrel or 25 cents a barrel. Let me tell them that if people live in an economy that is expanding it is because investments are flowing in and development is taking place. Whether it is on the ranch, on a farm, or in the oilfields, when the people are prosperous they can afford to live in a province which is the only one without a sales tax. That is the difference between the Conservative and the socialist philosophy. The socialist philosophy is one which says: now we have found one egg, let us not let the hen lay 11 eggs because we will divide that one egg thinly among all the people. We say: let us have 12 eggs and we will have more for the people. That is the difference between us.

An hon. Member: Chicken lickin'.

Mr. Woolliams: Yes, chicken lickin', and I will tell you why. It is because these people think small.

As I pointed out, the premium, with the increase of \$2.50 a barrel of crude petroleum, set the price of royalties so that 65 per cent goes to the province and 35 per cent goes to the oil companies. If the oil companies made nothing out of the deal, there would be no development.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Woolliams: I do not know who said "oh". I say there will be no development at all unless the oil companies have something with which to develop. Would a well have been drilled in Alberta or even in Saskatchewan if the oil companies made no profit? It is time the story was told. When the CCF took over in Saskatchewan there was no oil development to start with. Finally, they developed the royalty system, and do you know from whom they copied it? From Mr. Manning's government. Even Mr. Clarence

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Fines, who left the province fairly wealthy after being provincial treasurer, would be the first to admit it, if we could only find him. One sits here day after day and listens to some of these stories.

Another myth I want to explode is the following one, and it is time that this question was answered. We hear this story so often that one might think that people believe not only the words but the tune. It is said that by 1980 we will look into our wells and find them empty—there will be no gas and no oil. Do you know why they say that? For years I have listened to that group and I even went to some of their meetings. I have thought about the matter. They thrive on adversity. That is how they succeed. They want trouble, and they say to the people: we are saving you.

Now I should like to speak about supply. Do you think for one moment that no more wells or oil fields will be found in the province of Alberta or indeed in Saskatchewan? Do you think there will be no more oil found in the Arctic and no more natural gas? Do you think no oil will be found offshore in the Maritimes? There would not be if we had an NDP government because the oil companies would all leave and go to the North Sea.

My time is just about up, so I would like to put down some real facts.

Mr. Knight: What facts?

Mr. Woolliams: Don't worry about that. You do not have such a big majority in Assiniboia that you can be so confident.

Let us take a look at our resources. The next question that came to my mind in considering this bill was that the future supply of petroleum and natural gas is so important to our wellbeing. That is why we have been enacting so many bills. May I say now that according to recent technical papers—and this is material researched by an independent petroleum association—Canada is considered to have, at current rates of production, undiscovered reserves equivalent to 100 years supply for oil needs and 250 years supply for gas needs, provided of course that the Athabasca tar sands are developed. Those reserves will not dry up in 1980. When you say that they will run out by 1980, let me point out that if no one develops any more crude petroleum or natural gas, then certainly the supply will run out. If no farmer in Saskatchewan or Alberta planted any more wheat, we would run out of it also. That is what is wrong with their thinking.

Not long ago the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) referred to the Alberta oil sands, and that reference can be found in *Hansard*. He said that the Alberta oil sands are estimated to contain 250 billion barrels of oil, of which approximately 26.5 billion barrels are recoverable by current processes. Those figures come from a report of the Canadian Petroleum Association, an independent petroleum group which hired technicians and geologists—not members of the NDP—to make these calculations. While these potential reserves are large, they will only become a reality by exploration, and only through risk exploration can Canada become assured of long term supply. In undertaking this risk exploration it must first be recognized that compared to Middle East supplies or any other reserves in the world