

Economic Policies

the benefits. I cannot agree with my friends to my left who are afraid to sell a little coal. British Columbia has thousands of years of coal stocks, mountains of it. The development of the railway would open up a new portion of the province and allow ancillary mines and industries to develop through the area. Yet there are arguments, there is nit-picking, niggardliness rather than a push to make the deal and get the job done. The taxation accruing to the federal government from this deal would more than meet any up front money the government of British Columbia is seeking.

Early this afternoon an hon. member gave some figures for research and development in this country which illustrate how backward we are in this area. Out of a population of 23 million, 21,519 people are engaged in research and development. This must make us the laughing stock of the world. It is almost criminal that a government could avoid thinking about this, could avoid changing the situation.

This government spent all its time worrying about something the country is not worried about, that the country is not even thinking about. It forces us to do the same and ignores the real problems in the country, such as creation of more jobs.

I should like to see the government produce an industrial strategy for Canada, show concern for the small independent businessman, introduce a program to increase jobs and productivity, a program to bring in lower interest rates, a program to reduce inflation. The failure of this country and this government to deal with the key issues which concern the people brings shame on all who sit on the benches opposite. Mr. Speaker, this motion should be passed.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Chrétien: A point of order, Mr. Speaker. The hon. member invited me to ask a question at the end of his speech. He made a proposition, but I do not know if he was speaking on behalf of his party. We on this side of the House would be willing and eager to dispose of the Constitution tonight so that we can discuss the economy for the next two weeks.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[Translation]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. It being 9.45 p.m., it is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 58(9), to interrupt the debate and put forthwith every question necessary to dispose of the proceedings now before the House.

[English]

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Call in the members.

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

• (2215)

(Division No. 46)

YEAS

Messrs.

Althouse	Gustafson	Mitges
Andre	Halliday	Munro
Anguish	Hamilton	(Esquimalt-Saanich)
Baker	(Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain)	Murta
(Nepean-Carleton)	Hamilton	Neil
Beatty	(Swift Current-Maple Creek)	Nickerson
Blackburn	Hargrave	Nielsen
Blenkarn	Hawkes	Nowlan
Bradley	Hees	Nystrom
Broadbent	Hnatyshyn	Oberle
Cardiff	Howie	Orlikow
Clark	(Yellowhead)	Paproski
Clarke	Huntington	Parker
(Vancouver Quadra)	Jelinek	Reid
Coates	Keeper	(St. Catharines)
Cook	Kempling	Riis
Cooper	Kilgour	Robinson
Corbett	King	(Burnaby)
Crosbie	Knowles	Roche
(St. John's West)	Korchinski	Rose
Crosby	Kristiansen	Scott
(Halifax West)	Kushner	(Hamilton-Wentworth)
Crouse	Lawrence	Scott
Dantzer	Lewis	(Victoria-Haliburton)
Darling	Lewycky	Shields
de Jong	MacDonald	Siddon
Dinsdale	(Miss)	Stevens
Domm	Malone	Stewart
Ellis	Manly	Taylor
Elzinga	Mayer	Thacker
Epp	Mazankowski	Thomson
Fennell	McCain	Towers
Fraser	McDermid	Waddell
Friesen	McGrath	Wenman
Fulton	McKenzie	Wilson
Gilchrist	McKinnon	Wise
Greenaway	McKnight	Wright
Gurbin	Mitchell	Young
	(Mrs.)	Yurko—102.

NAYS

Messrs.

Allmand	Beauchamp-Niquet	Bossy
Appolloni	(Mrs.)	Breau
(Mrs.)	Bégin (Miss)	Bujold
Axworthy	Berger	Bussièrès
Bachand	Blaker	Caccia
Baker	Bloomfield	Campbell
(Gander-Twilligate)	Bockstael	(Miss)
		(South West Nova)