

way toward the achievement of our goal of Canadianization of the petroleum sector.

However, that is not the only way in which the move toward greater Canadian participation is happening. On every side we see Canadian companies reaching agreements with foreign-controlled companies which have land rights to pursue jointly exploration on those lands in new and imaginative ways. This has not been a feature of the Canadian petroleum industry in the past.

I might note in this context too that in our elaboration of the National Energy Program and in the development of requirements for the participation of Canadian-owned companies, we have modified requirements. We have done so to ensure that a maximum number of companies meet a minimum of requirements. They will become eligible for incentive grants this government is providing to ensure that Canadian companies participate in a way in which they have not in the past had an opportunity to do.

Finally, we promised to make energy part of our larger industrial and regional strategy. I do not doubt that members of this House, as well as the public generally, will increasingly see the National Energy Program acting as a catalyst in furthering our economic prospects. The program has been criticized for somehow stultifying such development. I submit that anyone who views the program fairly, taking into account all its aspects, must judge it as a major stimulus of total economic development in the years ahead.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): The hon. member for Peterborough (Mr. Domm).

Mr. Domm: With the permission of the Chair, may I call it six o'clock?

Mr. Knowles: We might as well.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): The hon. member seeks the unanimous consent of the House to call it six o'clock?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): It being six o'clock, I do now leave the chair until 8 p.m.

At 5.56 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 8 p.m.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. When the House arose at six o'clock, the hon. member for Peterborough (Mr. Domm) had the floor.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

ALLOTMENT OF TIME TO CONSIDER BILL C-57 ON REPORT STAGE AND THIRD READING

Mr. Bussières: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. the Minister of State for Finance on a point of order.

Mr. Bussières: Mr. Speaker, pursuant to standing orders, I wish to inform the House that, in spite of consultations between party spokesmen, it was impossible to agree on the application of Standing Order 75A or 75B at the report and third reading stages of Bill C-57, an act to amend the Excise Tax Act and to provide for a revenue tax in respect of petroleum and gas. Therefore, I have the honour to advise the House that at the next sitting of the House I will move a motion pursuant to Standing Order 75C for the purpose of allotting two sitting days for the report stage and one sitting day for third reading of Bill C-57.

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[English]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY S.O. 58—CONDEMNATION OF INCREASED TAXES ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Miss MacDonald:

That this House condemns the government for again unnecessarily raising petroleum taxes and thereby burdening all consumers, but particularly consumers of heating oil, with prices far in excess of those promised without providing relief to those hardest hit and least able to adjust.

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Mr. Speaker, prior to the dinner adjournment there were a few statements made in the House by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. MacLaren), whom I notice has taken his seat in the House, which I do not wish to allow to pass without some comment.

During the last federal election, Mr. Speaker, I do not think there was one thing that annoyed me more than to hear time after time the present Liberal government stating that what we needed in Canada was made-in-Canada energy pricing. There was nothing, it felt, that would serve the people better to keep down the costs of energy than if we had a made-in-Canada energy policy.

Some hon. Members: Right on.

Mr. Domm: The then opposition could show the people of Canada how they could get the prices down at the gas pumps, how they could supply low cost heating fuels, how the taxi drivers and the truck drivers and the people driving to and from work would save all these millions of dollars, if they could just get their clutches on some major oil company or