Economic Development

the present distribution of the aerospace industry in Canada. I am working to have all regions of the country, including British Columbia, play an active part in taking advantage of the industrial offset opportunities.

The exact distribution to British Columbia will depend to a major extent on how active British Columbian firms are in bidding for opportunities. I will be happy to see them take advantage of these opportunities and I am already working with them in this respect.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East (Mr. Forrestall)—Shipbuilding—Reduction of subsidy; the hon. member for York-Sunbury (Mr. Howie)—Regional Economic Expansion—DREE grants for development programs in New Brunswick; the hon. member for Regina East (Mr. de Jong)—Health and Welfare—Health hazards in certain chemicals and pesticides.

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S.O. 58—ALLEGED FAILURE TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT COHERENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Andre:

That this House condemns the government for its failure to develop and implement a coherent economic development policy.

Mr. Harquail: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. This is an opposition day and we all agree that the opposition should have this opportunity. They have brought forward this motion, but I think it should be noted that throughout the minister's speech there were interruptions and they would not allow the minister to present his speech in a reasonable, normal fashion. I think it should be observed that those interruptions were brought forward by the very opposition party which brought in the motion today.

An hon. Member: Brilliant!

Hon. Michael Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): Mr. Speaker, this afternoon we have seen a very good example of what we do not need in industrial strategy, industrial development and the industrial development debate in this country today. There is a very good reason why the minister was interrupted from

this side of the House. The minister in a very important area to this country chose to be blatantly partisan and, in addition, deliberately misleading to this House on a number of issues. That is something we do not need at this time. We need cool thinking and action on the very important issues which are facing the country today.

With respect to the new fighter aircraft there is a very good reason why action was not taken. The day before the Clark government was about to take that decision the government was defeated. That put the decision off for that three or four-month period and that is why we lost valuable time.

Things were moving along very well on the Chrysler decision but there was an awful lot of delay after the present government took office because of the dithering the minister who has just spoken chose to get involved in. This was in order to look after, the people in his own constituency as carefully as he could without having regard to the broader issue of the country, in a very important decision. But I will come to that in a few minutes. What I was concerned with, and the questions I was placing in the House, was not the validity of the decision but the impact of that decision on over-all economic development in Canada.

Two other matters which the minister raised in his remarks were deliberately misleading. I personally announced the formation of the Export Development Board which he, about five minutes ago, chose to take all for his own. That decision was taken by the previous government and was announced in January, and the hon, gentleman knows it.

The other matter I wish to draw to the attention of the minister is in the area of the electronics fund. My hon. friend from Capilano (Mr. Huntington), the former minister for small businesses, announced—

[Translation]

Mr. Laniel: Mr. Speaker, once again I rise on a point of order. I think the House cannot allow hon. members to continue using unparliamentary terms as those which the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Munro) used a little earlier and those which were repeated two or three times by the hon. member for Etobicoke Centre (Mr. Wilson) who persists in using the terms—

[English]

—"'deliberately misleading the House", which are words which are unparliamentary and which have been found to be unparliamentary for years. I want to refer you, Mr. Speaker, to Beauchesne's fifth edition at page 109 where this is made very clear. The hon, member might wish to use another expression which is permitted in the House. He might feel that the minister is misleading the House, but he cannot say in this House that the minister is deliberately misleading the House.

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Mr. Jelinek: I think he is.