

Energy Supplies Emergency Act

people of Saskatchewan. Future supplies for Saskatchewan farmers and other users must be assured. Wholesale price increases in Saskatchewan must be limited to reflect the actual increase in production costs. The unearned windfall profits on sales of Saskatchewan crude outside the province, as well as future wellhead increases, should go to the people of Saskatchewan. Oil exploration must be stepped up. The province of Saskatchewan set out a clear policy—much clearer and much stronger, in the interests of its citizens, than the province of Alberta.

Mr. Paproski: I wouldn't say that.

Mr. Gleave: It doesn't surprise me a bit that a member from Alberta would not say that, but it happens to be a fact of life. What I am saying is that the federal government should be taking this kind of action.

I cannot support a measure which is as timid, ineffective, lacking in imagination and has so little concern for the future needs of Canadians as this bill. It is a timid, ineffective approach to the situation in which we find ourselves. Whether or not there is an emergency now, the cruel fact is that this does not depend on the government at all. The decisions are being made outside Canada, and even after this bill is passed they will still be made outside Canada. All this bill will enable the government to do is to spread the shortage around. It permits the government to put added pressure on the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. I suppose within the next few hours it will be passed and the government House leader will suggest that we recess for six weeks, leaving the government with these stupendous powers to spread the shortage around. That is what the government has sought. That is what it will probably be given by parliament. It now will have the right to spread the shortage around and to put pressure on the producing provinces to subsidize the rest of Canada.

The policy being implemented by this bill fails to give the government control of energy resources in Canada in those areas in which it has power to assume control. Instead, the government seeks to assume control of oil in Alberta and Saskatchewan. It does not propose to exercise power in the areas in which it has that right, the chief one being the transmission lines which run interprovincially. There it has the right to exercise power, but it does not propose to do so. Instead, it proposes to move back into areas where the provinces have their rights and powers. It proposes to move back into the area of natural resources. It has turned things completely around from the direction in which it should be acting on behalf of the Canadian people.

This is a divisive policy which will create friction across the country. The government should be taking action which will create unity. Instead it will divide the country. This is a timorous policy. The government does not have the courage to look at the whole situation on behalf of Canadians. Long ago most of Canada decided, with respect to electricity—which is a very important source of energy—that it was necessary for the people to own it. With few exceptions, this is how electricity is managed in Canada. But we see no action, no looking forward by this government, nor any realization that this source of energy which is oil is too important to be alienated from the

[Mr. Gleave.]

control of the people of Canada exercised through their government.

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[Translation]

Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to say a few words on the great measures that we are taking to give this country a system through which we can move all we need. We will be able to move our energy resources. We can undertake the development of our natural resources.

The previous speaker, the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar (Mr. Gleave) said earlier that we ought to be masters in our own home, develop our resources, build the required oil pipelines. All these things ought to be the property of Canadians.

I wonder, Mr. Speaker, on what basis we can say that the oil pipeline from Sarnia to Montreal will indeed be built by Canadians. Like many others, I wonder whether we have the technology, the materials, the steel, everything required to build that oil pipeline.

No one among us is concerned about materials or technology. I believe we have everything we need without importing technology from abroad.

Mr. Speaker, if we have everything we need, why be concerned? It is merely a decision and this decision must be taken here, in Parliament. It must be taken by the people who are responsible, that is the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), the party leaders and other members. We are the responsible people. It is up to us to take this decision. We know that we have tremendous amounts of natural resources to develop.

If we build pipelines, we have to know whether or not we have the materials and the resources required. If we have all that, why hesitate to take the decisions?

Nobody is worried about the technical aspect. Mr. Speaker, nobody is worried about that! We know that if we get to work, since we have many unemployed in Canada, this can happen quickly. It is best for us to take the quickest action possible.

From what I know, it would be more practical to extend the pipeline from Sarnia to Montreal to serve our population, and to do this as soon as possible. If something else is needed later, if other action should be taken, we can then extend other pipelines in other directions to serve other areas.

But for the moment, Mr. Speaker, we must help develop the eastern provinces, and especially Quebec.

I was saying a moment ago that we had no concern whatsoever about carrying out these projects, except for the financial aspect. Everyone has neglected the financial side. But we are well aware, Mr. Speaker, that if we must depend upon big foreign financial institutions for financing these projects, then we will have to transfer our assets to them.

If we do so, Mr. Speaker, then we lose our titles of ownership. The owners will be the big financial institutions. We have in Canada a financial institution which would do the same thing. If we really wanted to be masters in our own homes and launch these projects for the