

Adjournment Debate

do not know whether that is allowable but I have a lot of Indian people in my riding. I know that expression for Indian people is very much an insult. I would ask your guidance on whether or not those words should be withdrawn. I also know the meaning of the expression and the meaning is not allowed in the House of Commons.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): In order to allow the Hon. Member for Edmonton East to continue his debate, I would hope that he will withdraw his statement and carry on with the debate.

Mr. Lesick: I withdraw the statement, Mr. Speaker.

Albertans are very fortunate to have Conservative Members of Parliament representing them. We have three Ministers in the Government, namely, the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski), one of the most effective and powerful men in Parliament, the Right Hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark), who is highly respected and who has worked most effectively on behalf of the Government of Canada, and the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Andre). When have we had three Ministers so effective? We also have four Parliamentary Secretaries representing us and four chairmen of standing committees. We also have you, Mr. Speaker. You are respected by men and women throughout the land and in this House as well. When has Alberta ever been represented by men and women of such potency?

Some Hon. Members: Never.

Mr. Lesick: That is right. We have never had anyone who has been able to do so much for Alberta. We all heard the Hon. Member for Crowfoot (Mr. Malone) and the Hon. Member for Calgary North (Mr. Gagnon) explaining what we have done for Alberta, for western Canada and, indeed, for all of Canada. We have had the greatest programs any Government has ever put into place in the short period of two years and seven and a half months. The Opposition is virtually green with envy because it could never have done anything to the extent that we have.

The Hon. Member for Cape Breton—The Sydneys (Mr. MacLellan) kept asking why we are talking about the National Energy Program. Why is that so important? I will tell you, Mr. Speaker. I am a veteran of the Second World War. Many of us were badly injured, many are still in hospital as a result. The Hon. Member for Mississauga North (Mr. Horner) was in Edmonton last Thursday and Friday morning and saw the devastating results the NEP wrought six and a half years ago by the actions of the socialists and the Liberal Government. Buildings are still boarded up. People are still out of work. Twenty-five per cent of the businesses in the Peace River country went bankrupt. What does bankruptcy mean? It meant family break-up, alcoholism and life savings gone. The Opposition says we should not talk about those things because we are living in the past. We are suffering today because of the Liberals and their socialist friends who combined to work this devastation upon Alberta and on the energy industry.

Our Government has done many things. Let me talk about Edmonton and Edmonton East. We received \$150 million for Canada Place. We were going to cancel that, but we went ahead. We spent six months studying Canada Place. Seven and a half million dollars was paid for flood relief in the middle of March. We had \$130 million for government travel services to a consortium including Edmonton's own Marlin Travel. This is fairness. Four years ago CIDA purchases in Alberta amounted to only 1 per cent. Today they amount to 8 per cent. That is fairness. Alberta MPs are looking after the needs of Albertans. There was \$197,000 for the Charles Campsell Hospital for a study on northern infant nutrition and \$187,000 was given to the provincial museum for public programming. We are rebuilding the CN MacDonald Hotel and there is \$600,000 for Edmonton's Winter City's Project.

The CF-18 contract has been absolutely marvellous for Edmonton. It means another 135 jobs in the next two years instead of releasing half of the workforce. The company is ecstatic. I talked to its president, I did not have to read the paper or reports. I knew this contract would be good. It was good for western Canada, particularly for Edmonton. We have looked after Edmonton, Alberta and western Canada.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It being six o'clock, it is my duty to inform the House that pursuant to Section 12 of Standing Order 82, proceedings on the motion have expired.

• (1800)

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[*Translation*]

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 66 deemed to have been moved.

AGRICULTURE—MARKETING OF INCUBATED EGGS— GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Jean-Guy Guilbault (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, I should like to raise an issue to which I referred last December 2 when I asked a question to the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Wise) concerning the marketing of broiler incubated eggs by a new national federal agency.

Members of the broiler hatching egg association have been asking for the establishment of such an agency since 1981.

Until December 1, 1986, all poultry farming sectors had their own marketing board, except the hatching egg sector.

On that day, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the provisions of the Farm Products Marketing Agencies Act, the Minister of Agriculture, the Hon. John Wise, announced the establishment of a national marketing board for broiler hatching eggs. The mandate of this new agency is to organize the marketing of broiler eggs.