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Member that nothing is worn under the kilt; it is all in perfect working order.

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Speaker, I just wonder if the Hon. Member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell) would table it?

Mr. Taylor: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to say, Mr. Speaker, that a dead bird cannot fall from its nest.

Mr. Frith: I rise on the same point of order, Mr. Speaker. I just want the House to know that the Liberal Party does not want to nationalize it either.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Before resuming debate, I will inform the Hon. Member for Vancouver-Kingsway that this House today, I believe, will accept his dress code as long as he does not, of course, make a habit out of it.

Mr. Dennis H. Cochrane (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, I am almost afraid to speak in case I lower the high level of this debate.

I would like to make a few comments with regard to the motion put forward by the Hon. Member for Essex-Windsor (Mr. Langdon). My constituency incorporates five municipalities in Atlantic Canada and is known as the hub of the Maritimes and the transportation centre of Atlantic Canada. I am going to keep my comments relatively short because I am anxious to get back to my constituency, although after listening to the comments of the Hon. Member for Essex-Windsor about the terrible plight of Atlantic Canada, I am not sure why I should want to do that. My constituency was fine when I left on Monday but I am not sure what his socialistic policies were able to do to the spirit of Atlantic Canadians while I was gone. However, I am going to go back and do the best I can to build up their faith and confidence in Canada and Atlantic Canada.

To listen to the Hon. Member for Essex-Windsor one would get the impression that all of the people in Atlantic Canada are depressed, are running around in despair, that suicide is rampant, that violence permeates our every day and all of this is the fault of the Government. I would like to assure the Hon. Member, as a Member of Parliament for the constituency of Moncton in Atlantic Canada, that that is not the case. Atlantic Canadians are proud people. They are proud to be Canadians and to put their efforts forward on behalf of this country. They are optimistic, value life and enjoy living. They are hard working and diligent. The people in Atlantic Canada, yes, occasionally do need government assistance and legislation, but they do not want handouts. We do not want handouts which emanate from very quick legislation or patchwork efforts which try to take care of economic problems. People in Atlantic Canada want meaningful jobs, which are not created by special legislation or treatment but which are permanent, long lasting, productive and exist as a result of a strong economy assisted by a cost-conscious government.

I am anxious to see exactly how the NDP action committee is going to fulfil its mandate, because if Members of this House have to hear about every little foray which this action committee takes in the country, it is going to slow us down from dealing with the national issues which we must deal with in order to get this country back on the road. A motion that is moved as a result of going out and listening to comments of people will result in the same kind of piecemeal legislation we had in the past which tried to deal with the economic problems of Atlantic Canada and Canada. We know about those piecemeal resolutions which were acted upon quickly and as a result of being motivated politically.

I might suggest that that is the motivation behind this motion today and behind the NDP action committee. We have seen all too often in the past the patchwork efforts which are made as a result of political motivation, and I would like to speak briefly to one of those efforts made in an area outside of my constituency, a constituency held in the past by the present Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. Fraser). I refer to a plant where the Department of Regional Industrial Expansion got involved on a piecemeal basis for strictly political purposes. They were trying to introduce high-tech in an area that was not yet ready for it.

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There was an example of no consultation. There was a commitment by the federal Government and the province was not even consulted. Yet the only money committed and spent was spent by the Province of New Brunswick. They spent \$5 million they could ill afford to create an overpass and extend water and sewer facilities to a plant which had no economic justification. There was no basis for DRIE funding at that time in that plant. There was no consultation either. There again we saw the piecemeal nature of the past Government in dealing with the problems of Canada, and we are seeing that same kind of thing in this motion. These piecemeal solutions are not effective in trying to deal with the problems of Atlantic Canadians. It is a seat of your pants kind of motion and we have seen too much of that kind of legislation.

When you look at it very quickly, Mr. Speaker, and luckily that is all I was able to do, the motion does not deal with many of the issues facing Atlantic Canadians. There is no reference to expanding our industrial base other than through small business and co-operatives. There is no reference to tourism. You can certainly see in Atlantic Canada a vibrant and healthy tourist industry which has been helped by this Government through the signing of an agreement in New Brunswick for \$32 million and a similar agreement in Prince Edward Island. There is no reference to that in this sketchy motion put forward by our friends opposite. There is no mention of education or retraining.

One thing it has which is correct is the reference to an excellent human resource available in Atlantic Canada. That human resource wants to work towards getting this country on the move. But there is no mention of retraining the members of that human resource. There is no mention of higher educa-