

*Oral Questions*

**Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Madam Speaker, that was three months ago. I am sorry, I cannot remember the specific details. I will look into it and get back to the Hon. Member.

## RELATIONSHIP OF MAISLIN AND GATEWAY COMPANIES

**Hon. Bill Jarvis (Perth):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the same Minister. What is, or was the relationship between Gateway and Maislin? Was Gateway in fact a subsidiary, an associate company and, if not, what if any relationship existed between the two companies?

**Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** If I am not mistaken, Madam Speaker, I think that it was a subsidiary company, but I will check the details and get back to the Hon. Member.

**Mr. Nielsen:** You had better brief yourself for tomorrow.

## NATURE OF INVESTMENT OF CAPITAL

**Hon. Bill Jarvis (Perth):** Madam Speaker, will the Minister explain how on earth anyone could consider the sale or disposal of a subsidiary's asset as an infusion of fresh capital into the parent company under any accounting or moral principle whatsoever?

**Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Madam Speaker, perhaps the Hon. Member would like to address that question to the company. What we required from the company was an additional infusion of equity capital, which the company provided.

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## ENERGY

## REQUEST FOR OIL PRICE ROLLBACK

**Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River):** Madam Speaker, yesterday the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources indicated that he wanted to talk to the Premier of Alberta prior to considering an energy rollback. In fact he admitted that the energy policy was in a state of chaos and that he would like to talk to all the provincial Premiers. We would like to know when this hamburger Government is going to recognize that its energy policy is in complete chaos? Does the Minister realize that we deserve a break today, and that the Canadian economy needs the kind of stimulus that would come from a rollback in the price of energy?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Madam Speaker, I am not impressed with the

argument of the Hon. Member. When we have a problem with the Provinces, the thing to do is talk to the Provinces. If I were to act alone today, tomorrow the Hon. Member would be on his feet asking why I did not consult. I will do the right thing. I will consult. I will not bother too much with the Hon. Member.

## BENEFICIARIES OF CURRENT PRICES

**Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River):** Madam Speaker, I guess we are going to leave it to Macdonald to fix up this beaten economy, and the hamburger helper will straighten it out later with Lougheed. Does the Minister recognize that if we do not roll back the price of oil in this country, the beneficiaries will be Imperial Oil and Texaco? Imperial controls one billion barrels of conventional crude and Texaco one half billion barrels. Will the Minister admit to this House that the only beneficiaries of not rolling back the price of oil will be the multinationals?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** No, Madam Speaker, I do not accept that at all. When a barrel of oil is sold, about 40 per cent goes to the producers. The majority of the balance goes to the provincial Governments and the rest to the federal Government.

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## EMPLOYMENT

## HIGH-TECHNOLOGY TRAINING PROGRAM

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Employment and Immigration and relates to the National Training Act. For some time now negotiations have been going on between his Department and several high-technology firms in the Ottawa area. Can the Minister confirm that he recently approved a grant of \$10,000 to a non-profit computer consortium to develop and implement an industrial training program within the high-technology industry?

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Madam Speaker, I can verify that we have been working very closely with representatives of a number of hi-tech firms in the Ottawa area to undertake an innovative approach toward the development of new training programs in that very vital industry. We have now gone ahead and developed an agreement with them so that they could put forward a proposal under the Skills Growth Fund to establish an industry-sponsored training centre to allow their employees to develop unique and special skills in the hi-tech area. I believe that this really is a definition of a very good example of how we can change the whole training program in this country to respond to hi-tech needs.