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We listened to the Hon. Member for Ottawa Centre (Mr. Cassidy) but he never listens to anybody but himself. He is such a great Member. He won in 1984 by a very strong majority of 32 votes, but we know where he will be after the next election. The words from the Hon. Member for Ottawa Centre tonight are exactly the same as the ones he said about the privatization of de Havilland and Canadair. I listened to the western members of the New Democratic Party. They want to defend Saskatchewan.

Mr. Cassidy: What about defending the workers?

Mr. Grisé: How can you defend Saskatchewan? What happened with de Havilland? Was it bad for Toronto? What happened with Canadair? Was it bad for Montreal? Do you or do you not want something good for Saskatoon? The Member should go and tell the employees of Canadair and de Havilland that they have had a bad deal since they have been in the private sector.

[Translation]

Madam Speaker, once again it is quite clear that only... and I want to congratulate the Member for Cape Breton—The Sydneys (Mr. MacLellan) who supports privatization, and who earlier supported quite actively a bill concerning energy in Southern Nova Scotia. That is the type of Bill that will allow us to continue to help the Canadian economy and to obtain the assistance of the private sector; we have tangible evidence: take de Havilland, and Canadair, for instance. But of course, the socialist Party can only accept control by the state, by Shirley Carr, by Bob White.

Madam Speaker, they will only tolerate private enterprise in the Oshawa riding. For some strange reason, in the riding of Oshawa, private enterprise becomes acceptable, foreign investment becomes acceptable! But elsewhere in Canada, Madam Speaker, we are not to help private enterprise, everything must remain public to help the socialist Party progress.

Madam Speaker, this Government has put forth a valid privatization program that has provided exceptional results up till now, and we will continue to apply it; we will privatize Eldorado, we will privatize Air Canada, and people will have better service. Employees have better guaranties, there is more activity in private concerns, employees have better security, and we will continue our application of these programs.

[English]

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Madam Speaker, my remarks will be relatively brief. I have sat here tonight, on my duty night, in complete incredulity of the position of the New Democratic Party.

What does this motion mean? This motion means that the New Democratic Party is clearly against the Province of Saskatchewan. This Party has an opportunity to vote in favour of the establishment of the largest integrated uranium company in the world with headquarters in Saskatchewan. It should be ashamed of itself. This will not be forgotten by the electorate of Saskatchewan in the next election. What do its members say? I will summarize their argument.

They want to postpone this for five years. That has the effect of killing the deal. They know it and we know it. We are not bumpkins out in Saskatchewan. We understand from where the New Democratic Party takes their orders. The union leadership tells them where to march and they march, ready, aye, ready, as soon as their union leadership—Shirley Carr and the group—tell them where to go. Let me just simply tell New Democratic Party Members that they are not going to fool the people of Saskatchewan in the next election.

Mr. Cassidy: With the barons of Bay Street-

Mr. Hnatyshyn: I am talking about promises. The Hon. Member for Ottawa Centre (Mr. Cassidy) is a man who makes promises. The man got up on behalf of the New Democratic Party and said: "Elect a New Democrat and we will move the frigates from New Brunswick to Montreal, ready, aye, ready". That is the New Democrats—ready, aye, ready when the union leadership speaks.

The people of Saskatchewan are not going to forget this. I am a great admirer of the Hon. Member for Prince Albert (Mr. Hovdebo) who wants to run in the riding of Saskatoon— Humboldt. What has he to say to the people of Saskatoon when they are awaiting the head office of this new gigantic corporation to be opened? It is an opportunity for value-added, for us to take our natural resources and develop them under the control of the people of Saskatchewan.

What are they going to say about a Member who comes into this House and tries to crush this Bill and bring to a halt this new development for Saskatchewan and things that we want to do out West? We want to develop our resources and have control over our resources in a way which is fair and equitable. They want to hoist this for five years because they are concerned about the pension plan. This Party believes that everything should be run by the Government. They believe that Crown corporations should be established for every conceivable operation in this society.

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Members of that Party are telling us that because Eldorado is carrying on a Crown corporation function, and there is some concern with respect to pensions, we as a Government should move in and have a heavy hand and a political influence on Crown corporations. J. S. Woodsworth would roll over in his grave if he heard these people talking now. Imagine. It is a terrible insult they are paying to the concept of Crown corporations which are supposed to operate in the public interest without political interference. Now all the New Democrats, Shirley Carr, and union leaders should say: "Political interference. We want to control everything in society".