

Canada Oil and Gas Act

a happier, more co-operative attitude at large within our great country.

The benefits to all parts of Canada from expansion in the west and in the north and in the Canada lands are tremendous. Those benefits are not regionalized or localized; those benefits are there for the whole of the country. The manufacturing demand that would have filled the plants of Ontario and Quebec would give bounty to all.

Mr. Collette: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I have listened with interest for the last few minutes to the hon. member's speech. He has yet to be relevant to the motion under consideration. This is not a general, second reading debate. Motion No. 3 is specific and is under debate and I would ask that you request the hon. member to be relevant to the debate.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. The Chair would ask to be excused. I had a conversation with an hon. member and I did not pay attention to the words spoken by the hon. member for Capilano (Mr. Huntington). Of course, hon. members know that their remarks have to be relevant to the business before the House. Without having heard what the hon. member said, I have to accept what the parliamentary secretary has said. We will hear the hon. member for Capilano.

Mr. McGrath: I rise on a point of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. I cannot see why I should entertain a further point of order. I have just said that I will recognize the hon. member for Capilano. I said I had not heard the remarks that he made before. He will now address himself to the bill. I cannot see why any further point of order should be entertained.

Mr. McGrath: Mr. Speaker, I want to raise a different point of order. It is a practice of this House that when the House deals with the first amendment at report stage, it is given a great deal of leeway in terms of relevancy.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. I think the Chair has recognized that in the past. The Chair has not criticized anything that the hon. member for Capilano has said. The Chair has recognized the hon. member for Capilano; I hope hon. members will understand that. I simply recognized what the hon. parliamentary secretary brought to my attention, perhaps rightly or wrongly, I do not know. I was having a conversation with a fellow member and now I recognize the hon. member for Capilano. The House can judge whether his remarks are relevant to the motion or not.

Mr. Collette: Mr. Speaker, I think we should get this absolutely straight. The hon. member for St. John's East rose on another point of order.

An hon. Member: Sit down.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): I see no point of order here. The hon. member for Capilano.

Mr. Huntington: Mr. Speaker, I would ask that the four minutes lost by that intervention be added to my time if I need it. I do not see that the point of order was relevant and I can establish that my speech referred strictly to the Canada lands and the background of facts related to the Canada lands. If the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council would listen instead of flapping his mouth every time anybody stands up in the House, he might learn something and he might get a feeling for the country and for some of the people who come from the outback.

One of the troubles with people elected from Upper and Lower Canada on that side is that they do not hear. They are arrogant, they are autocratic, they shove everything down our throats and then expect to have a feeling of friendliness and structure and building in this country. This will not happen as long as they have the attitude of the parliamentary secretary.

We talk about equity and sharing, Mr. Speaker. When the OPEC prices exploded, did the governments of Ontario and Quebec help share the oil-fired cost of electricity in the maritime provinces of the Atlantic? Just a minute, Mr. Speaker, I think this is quite relevant. No, they did not. We talk about equity and sharing and that is what the motion with respect to Canada lands is about. We heard it from the Minister of State for Mines last night. If she can make interventions on that same issue, surely I can address the intervention that she was allowed by the Speaker last night.

Mr. Collette: Speak to the motion.

Mr. Huntington: We have heard the argument that Upper and Lower Canada need this sharing because they shared their wealth with the west at the time OPEC prices were lower than the delivered price of western oil into central Canada. During that decade from 1962 to 1972 the people of Ontario and Quebec paid over \$639 million—

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. With all due respect to all hon. members, I would invite them to address themselves to the motion. There will be ample opportunity for the hon. member to address future motions in this bill in the precise words he is using now, but I would invite him to speak on this motion.

Mr. McGrath: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. With great deference, we sat here yesterday and heard the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of State for Science and Technology (Mr. Simmons) speak for 25 minutes without referring once to the—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, order. Order, please. We could certainly go back to yesterday's *Hansard* and together review what happened and we might admit that a few of the speeches were not relevant, but I think perhaps if the hon. member was here and had listened to both speeches, he would have found that the parliamentary secretary was perhaps relevant to the speech of the speaker who spoke before him.