

The Address—Mr. Evans

conservation through price adjustments and waste use elimination, major new initiatives in increasing conventional energy reserves and supply capabilities including oil, gas, nuclear, hydro, coal, oil sands, heavy oils, enhanced recovery and others.

The third point in my national energy plan was substantive extension of Canada's energy deliverability to and within all regions of Canada; fourth was a program of extensive energy supply and use redeployment on a regional, and use-cost basis. My fifth point was an accelerated program of research, development and the construction of demonstration facilities of new energy forms like gasahol, solar, tidal, wind, biomass and so forth. Finally, my sixth point was a total review and reassessment of present and possible future Canada-U.S. energy intertwinement arrangements. The question which must always be asked is are they always in the Canadian interest?

I do not know how much time I have left. I believe it is very little, but I had hoped to have something to say about the province of Alberta. What does the province of Alberta want? It wants its rights under the constitution. Under those rights it wants to build and to be a dynamic and vibrant part of Canada. It has opened its borders to young men and young women from all across the nation to come and find employment, opportunity, and a future.

In the United States capital and labour move across the face of the land almost unimpeded. In our nation we have a formula process which I support, but it can get out of hand. It is a process called equalization where people are literally forced through economic handouts to stay where they are.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order. I regret to interrupt the hon. member but his time has expired, and due to the fact that there will be a vote in four minutes and the fact that another member wishes to participate, I regret that I cannot give the hon. member an extension of time.

Mr. John Evans (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, given the lateness of the hour and the importance of the issue we will decide at 9.45, I would like to take an extract from my speech which deals with the important amendment to the address from the House to His Excellency, that deals with Petro-Canada. I strongly support the amendment which was moved yesterday by my leader. However, with regard to the amendment to the amendment which was introduced thereto, I have strong reservations.

The issue raised in the subamendment was already dealt with by the House on March 20, 1979, and was soundly rejected by a vote of 190 to 13. As the hon. member for Outremont (Mr. Lalonde) said this afternoon, "We have no objections to the retail aspect. The power is currently in the act that governs Petro-Canada but with regard to the importer aspect, we have several problems."

First of all why should we put all our eggs in one basket? Canada's energy flexibility would be greatly reduced as a result. Secondly, we have many existing contracts which would undoubtedly have to be renegotiated, and ultimately at much

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higher prices for Canadians. Finally, we now have a system which works for Canada, and to alter this system radically would jeopardize rather than enhance Canadian energy security. For these reasons I do not intend to support the amendment to the amendment moved by the Leader of the New Democratic Party (Mr. Broadbent).

If I could, I would now like to start my prepared text. At the outset I would like to add my name to those who have congratulated the hon. member for Erie (Mr. Fretz) and the hon. member for Cardigan (Mr. MacDonald) on the manner in which they moved and seconded the reply to the Speech from the Throne.

I would like to preface my remarks by stating my sincere appreciation to the people of Ottawa Centre for the confidence they demonstrated in me on May 22. Ottawa Centre is indeed a unique riding, and I am honoured to represent its electors. The Parliament Buildings are located within its boundaries, thereby creating a federal presence known nowhere else in Canada. There is another dimension which I believe is characteristic of few other ridings. Ottawa Centre is to me a microcosm of the country itself. It has a wide range of cultural, social, economic, and political groups, making it a true reflection of the the vertical mosaic which is Canada, a mosaic in which each individual contributes in his or her own unique way to the strength and vitality of Canadian society.

The people of Ottawa Centre also represent a group of Canadians who, I believe, are better informed than their peers on matters of public policy and their implication. They feel the intimate presence of the four levels of government and have demonstrated their ability to voice reasoned opinions on the issues of the day. However, while the pervasive federal presence has certain advantages for Ottawans, there are also very real disadvantages.

The advantages are of course the many amenities which accompany the physical location of the seat of government. The Parliament Buildings, the National Arts Centre, the Museum of Man, the canal, the National Art Gallery, the Supreme Court, the National Library, the Garden of the Provinces, the Postal Museum, and the Bank of Canada are all located in the riding of Ottawa Centre and are a source of pride and enjoyment to the people of Ottawa Centre and, indeed, to all Canadians who take the opportunity to visit our beautiful city. May I call it 9.45, Mr. Speaker?

[Translation]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. It being 9.45 p.m., it is my duty pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 38(3) to interrupt the proceedings and put forthwith every question necessary to dispose of the amendment to the amendment that is now before the House.

The question is on the amendment to the amendment in the name of Mr. Broadbent. All those in favour of the amendment to the amendment will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.