

have a research budget, we will be more than happy to provide a typed copy.

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): You might be able to come to my office and I will let you have a typewriter.

Some hon. members: Oh, oh.

Mr. John A. MacDougall (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, in entering this debate I would like to take a moment to thank the hon. member for Bonavista—Trinity—Conception, the energy critic from Edmonton East, and the officials for the work that has gone into developing this legislation and getting it to the point where we are today. Hopefully we will reach third reading of this legislation by the end of this week.

I would like to make a couple of points. I had the opportunity to be involved in this project for a great number of months. I had the opportunity to be in Newfoundland 10 days ago to understand firsthand how important it was for the residents of Newfoundland, for residents of eastern Canada, and for all Canadians. It will probably be, in my life as a member of Parliament, one of the most key pieces of legislation that has been put forward.

It is going to help economic development across Canada, not only in the province of Newfoundland. I would like to say that it was a great honour to be part of that project, and again I thank my colleagues for the great detailed work they did in this regard.

The member who spoke previously on this amendment mentioned work and the way that parts of this work should be spread across Canada. It certainly was, Mr. Speaker. After my address I would like to send a copy of this release dated November 14 to my hon. colleague. It is entitled "The MIL Group Anticipates Key Role in Canadian Offshore Projects" and in part reads:

Montreal, Quebec—As Canada's most experienced fabricator of offshore structures, The MIL Group is pleased at the go-ahead announcements for the Hibernia Offshore oil project in Newfoundland—Robert Tessier, President and CFO of The MIL Group, commented, "The MIL Group has been working closely with the international offshore industry for more than ten years. I am very confident that The MIL Group will be able to successfully compete for a wide range of the project content."

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The communique goes on, but I would like to condense parts of it because I think it is very important to all members in the House and all Canadians to understand that this is not only a Newfoundland project. This is a Canadian project from which all Canadians are going to benefit.

In closing the communique reads:

Current MIL estimates project a potential of over 2 million manhours of work accessible to The MIL Group and its associates over the next few years from the Hibernia—projects.

For the benefit of the residents of the province of Quebec who will be paying a key part of this, it is worth \$1 billion.

Mr. Speaker, as you can see, with this piece of legislation the Government of Canada under the Prime Minister and the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and the groups, the consortium, have done their utmost to ensure that all Canadians will have the opportunity and the benefits directly and indirectly in this project.

Mr. George S. Baker (Gander—Grand Falls): Mr. Speaker, I presume we are on dealing with the amendment moved by the member of the Bloc Quebecois, the hon. member for Richelieu, one of the new kids on the block.

I would like to put a couple of things on the record. I was not intending to say anything during this debate, but I can see what the members are up to. They will be moving motions to delay this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, you will notice that when the motion was moved the hon. member kept referring to work in specific locations in one province, namely the province of Quebec. He kept referring to the province of Quebec. He kept saying that the entire intent of this motion was to say that Quebec was not getting enough out of this deal. That is the entire intent of this motion.

There will be another motion, there will be another motion, and there will be another motion. We are going to be here day after day after day dealing with motions put by these members who are saying that one section of this country—

Mr. Lapierre: No, Canada.

Mr. Baker: Read over his words, Mr. Speaker. Every single reference to employment was either to a specific company or a specific city. Let us get it straight here. Newfoundland is the poorest province in Canada. We already passed an act in this House that set out the benefits from the Hibernia deal. And where do they go, Mr. Speaker? Do you know that under this deal right