

*Northern Inland Waters Bill*

with the territorial government and the mining companies concerned. Fortunately, a water supply was found not too far away. This is an example of what might have happened on a large scale had there been more economic development than has existed up to this time. The bill will provide the vehicle to ensure that the question of social benefits, the control of the ecology and economic development all go hand in glove and that they work to the benefit of the people who live in the north and to all other Canadians.

I wish to comment on one aspect of the bill which was referred to by the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin), that is the form in which the proposed boards are established. I agree with the hon. member when he says there is no money provision in the bill regarding civil servants. I like to think there is a room in a water planning board to include people from outside of the Civil Service, be it federal or territorial. I hope when the minister is replying to the members who have spoken on this particular bill he will be able to give us some indication of his thinking. In my view, it is important to include a private sector in planning for the use of our water resources.

In my opinion this bill is long overdue. I hope the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development will study this bill and recommend to this House that it be passed with a minimum amount of delay. As our water resources in northern Canada are brought under development by this bill, it will be an example to the rest of Canada for the appropriate use of the waters of our nation.

**Mr. P. B. Rynard (Simcoe North):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to make a few comments regarding Bill C-187. It seems that this House suffers from a situation where we have a constipation of ideas, a diarrhea of words, and an effluent of bills. Recently the Canada Water Act was passed, a national water act. Surely, this act applies with equal force in the Yukon and Northwest Territories. The bill did not exclude the Northwest Territories or Yukon. Now, we have another bill being presented. I wish the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Green) would explain why we need this bill. In what particular area do we need this bill? What do we need to cover that is not covered in the Canada Water Act? Was the Canada Water Act not properly drafted to cover this particular area? It is of great concern that bureaucracy after bureaucracy is being built up. Parkinson's and inter-

national law find the money and you will find a way to spend it.

It is interesting to note that both the chairmen and vice-chairmen of the two boards are going to be appointed by the government and that civil servants will be sent to that area to administer this act. This is a build-up of a complete dictatorship. What takes precedence: the Canada Water Act or Bill C-187.

**Mr. Chrétien:** Read the bill.

**Mr. Rynard:** I have read the bill, Mr. Speaker. I think if the government had studied the bill more carefully the minister would not be bringing it forward today. It is redundant and is just adding more expense and confusion to the whole situation.

I was interested to hear the minister talking about what past governments had done and about the great production in the gold mines. Those of us who have been in the House long enough remember how the liberals of that day had us sliding from igloo to igloo. It was the vision of the Diefenbaker Conservative government that brought in the Roads to Resources program and built the Pine Point railway which brought mining to the point where the minister can quote figures today of \$30 million production. The north is opening up and is taking on greater importance. The record should be kept straight. It was the Pine Point railway, the Roads to Resources program and other things which have developed the north.

I agree that water in the north is a very important matter. If we look at a map of Canada we see that nearly all our waters flow into the Arctic. All of our main rivers flow north, even from the United States border. They all flow into the Arctic Ocean or Hudson Bay. It is a great resource area containing oil, water and minerals which must be developed further. We must take stock of those resources and we must take stock of pollution of those waters. If we pollute those waters we will not have pure water for our own use. Selling water, of course, would then be out of the question.

There are different problems to be faced in the north. There is perma-frost and the disposal of waste is not as easy as in areas where a bulldozer can scoop out pits and septic tanks can be installed. This is a difficult problem in the north. Ground pollution does not run away or, if it does run away, it runs into the lakes and rivers and pollutes them. Again, I return to this question: why does not the Canada Water Act cover the