

*Oil Substitution Act*

Bay-Nipigon (Mr. Epp) and the Hon. Member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy). We have also discussed this matter with other Members of the House.

These programs are to be cut off at an arbitrary date, but there are businesses in northern Canada which are still ordering parts for people. They must get these parts shipped in but they will be cut off by the deadline. There are other places in which pipelines are being built and the program is being cut off too early. I do not want to see this program cut off at all. There are other people who are lining up to get contractors, but the contractors are all booked up to the deadline.

Would the Hon. Member and the Government be prepared to consider extending the deadline for cutting off the program? I could show the Hon. Member in committee that there is sufficient need for it in the outlying areas where people will be done a great injustice because they do not have the same opportunity as Canadians in other parts of the country. Would the Hon. Member and his colleagues be prepared to consider that if I can show that kind of evidence in committee?

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Della Noce:** Mr. Speaker, first of all, I would like to remind the Hon. Member that my cars are not "hot". I built them with my own hands. And when he says he received a number of letters, it worries me, because when my hon. friend has letters, that is something to worry about.

As far as the question is concerned, I think the subject has been abundantly discussed in committee. I see the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister, to whom I put the same question, and there was a very thorough discussion. We were promised that for contracts signed before November 8, the deadline could be extended beyond March 31, but for contracts signed after November 8, it was agreed—and that was the solution the majority of the committee decided on—there would be no extension.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Glengarry-Pre-scott-Russell (Mr. Boudria), for questions or comments.

**Mr. Boudria:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary to the question put by my hon. colleague a little earlier, and it is this: In a number of cases in the province of Ontario, and especially in Eastern Ontario, electric furnaces were installed by contractors, and Ontario Hydro's list of people where it has to carry out inspections before March 31 is so long that there will be no final inspections. This is a situation where the contractors acted in good faith but people will not get their grants because an agency of the Conservative Government of Ontario is unable to provide this service. Could the previous speaker tell the House whether he thinks this is fair?

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Duvernay (Mr. Della Noce).

**Mr. Della Noce:** Mr. Speaker, either my hon. friend is not telling the truth or he is misinformed.

**An Hon. Member:** He is not telling the truth!

**Mr. Della Noce:** No, Mr. Speaker. Because if I remember correctly, what we said in committee was that the deadline for inspections would be extended, and that was the whole point. In fact, the inspections were not the only problem, and in any case, the party the Government belongs to is totally irrelevant. As I was saying, there was another problem namely with natural gas, because the ground was frozen, and that is something beyond our control.

It was agreed in committee that the deadline for inspections would be extended in such cases.

[*English*]

**Mr. Murphy:** Mr. Speaker, my question relates to the subject introduced by my colleague, the Hon. Member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell). In northern Manitoba and in the City of Flin Flon in particular, people applied for assistance after November 8, but because of the nature of living in the North, in remote or farm communities or elsewhere, they cannot get the equipment installed by March 31. Certainly they made the application after November 8, but they do not live in Toronto or in the City of Montreal, they live in remote areas. It will take time to get that equipment put in place.

If the Government is going to be strong-headed and abolish the CHIP and the off-oil programs, that is its business and it can take the blame for doing so. However, why punish people in the North? Why not extend the deadline for the program so that these people will have the same chance to qualify as people who live in some of the larger cities in this country?

**Mr. Della Noce:** Mr. Speaker, I think the Hon. Member will understand that when this question was asked, a few words were said indicating that we have to treat everyone equally and we cannot draw a magic line somewhere. I think that makes sense. Some people do not understand that and want us to believe that we must draw a special line at a certain place. I do not think it is possible to do so. The Hon. Member can read the speech made by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister who spoke about that matter. If the Hon. Member were to read that speech, he would get the answers.

● (1550)

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Does the Hon. Member for Shefford (Mr. Lapierre) rise for a question or a comment?

**Mr. Lapierre:** Mr. Speaker, the speech of the Hon. Member was a most interesting one. I have a question for him since we have been speaking of house insulation. He knows that thousands of Canadians, and more precisely 80,000 Canadian families, are still facing the problem of urea formaldehyde foam. And he knows also that his colleague, the Honorable Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Côté), has received representations about the UFFI. Could he tell the House whether or not he secured funds for the victims of the