

Private Members' Business

We will want to consider the interests of aboriginal inhabitants, and the Hon. Member for Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands (Mr. Manly) will speak to that next week. The Hon. Member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton) will examine the many environmental concerns that will have to be addressed with respect to this Bill. I expect that the Hon. Member for Comox—Powell River (Mr. Skelly) will want to look at the notion of using a single bidding criterion.

In summary, the Government has embarked on a misguided effort to undo all the wicked provisions which it believes the previous administration applied under the National Energy Program. I suggest that the Government is discarding some valuable tools in the national energy policy. For example, it is eliminating the 25 per cent back in provision that guaranteed Canadian taxpayers a piece of the action in successful oil and gas discoveries in remote offshore locations, through Petro-Canada. Gone too are the powers of the federal Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources to direct oil and gas activity to reflect national priorities, such as the need for secure supplies, as opposed to shareholders' priorities, which are the maximization of profits. Destined to fade away under this new five-year program are the Petroleum Incentives Program grants which have helped Canadian oil companies to compete with the giant multinationals and have spurred exploration activities in the costly Arctic and East Coast.

While these grants were costly, they were at least up front and visible. The Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources is replacing these grants with tax credits which will largely escape parliamentary scrutiny. They are precisely the kind of device that the Auditor General, Mr. Dye, complained about earlier this year. They also constitute a greater benefit to the big multinationals which pay more in taxes, than to the smaller Canadian oil and gas companies. However, we will deal with that in another Bill.

In conclusion, the greatest problem we face is that this Bill favours the big American oil companies. It is no wonder that the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources is the "oilman of the year".

If we adopt this Bill and turn the clocks back to the days when our frontiers went to the large American multinational oil companies, when the next oil crisis occurs in 1990 we will not be prepared to develop our own Canadian resources. Once again we will have yielded a part of our precious independence to American pressure.

• (1600)

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It being 4 p.m., the House will now proceed to the consideration of Private Members' Business as listed on today's Order Paper.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS--MOTIONS

[English]

INDIAN AFFAIRS**PRODUCTION OF PAPERS****On the Order: Private Members' Business**

September 11, 1985—Mr. Greenaway—That an humble Address be presented to Her Excellency praying that she will cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence, notes, minutes of meetings, telephone calls, studies and other communications during the years 1980, 1981 and 1982 between (a) the Regional Director General for British Columbia of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development or any of his officials and Mr. Noll Derriksan or Toussowasket Enterprises Limited (b) Mr. Noll Derriksan or Toussowasket Enterprises or any official or employee of Toussowasket Enterprises Limited and the Indian Economic Development Fund (c) the Regional Director General for British Columbia of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development or any of his officials and the Westbank Development Company or any official or employee of the Westbank Development Company (d) the Regional Director General for British Columbia of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development or his officials and Mr. Ron Derriksan or the Westbank Indian Bank regarding Mr. Noll Derriksan, Toussowasket Enterprises Limited or any official or employee of Toussowasket Enterprises Limited or the Mount Boucherie Trailer Park or any financial arrangements associated with the above (e) the Regional Director General for British Columbia of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and the Headquarters Economic Development Branch of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development regarding Mr. Noll Derriksan, Toussowasket Enterprises Limited or any official or employee of Toussowasket Enterprises Limited, the Mount Boucherie Trailer Park, Mr. Ron Derriksan, the Westbank Indian Band or the Westbank Development Company.

Mr. Kilgour: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

Mr. Gauthier: Point of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I will hear the point of order of the Hon. Member for Edmonton—Strathcona (Mr. Kilgour) first.

Mr. Gauthier: He is on debate.

Mr. Kilgour: Not on debate.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): He cannot get on debate yet.

Mr. Kilgour: Mr. Speaker, I have just attempted to contact the Hon. Member for Cariboo—Chilcotin (Mr. Greenaway). His office has indicated that he simply could not cancel appointments he had in Vancouver today. I understand the Hon. Member for Surrey—White Rock—North Delta (Mr. Friesen) would like to move the motion in his place if he has the unanimous consent of the House.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Does the House give unanimous consent?

Mr. Gauthier: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Did you say no?