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against his predecessor's record of four years. Suffice it to say that that would be comparing eight years with four years.

In addition, I wish to say that there is one fatal flaw in the motion. The NDP has failed as a Party to bring up the issue of heavy water plants. Do you know why this is so, Mr. Speaker? Members of the New Democratic Party, unlike members of the Liberal Party and the Conservative Party, are against the nuclear industry in the country. They want the heavy water plants closed but they do not have the intestinal fortitude to go to Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia, or to Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, and stand in a union hall and say: "Yes, we as a Party wish to close your heavy water plant". They will not go to Elliot Lake and tell that to the union people. Once and for all, this shows clearly to the House and to all Members that the people who profit most from misery in this country are those who sit to my left.

● (1430)

**Mr. MacLellan:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask my colleague, the Hon. Member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. Dingwall), a question with respect to his comments on RRAP. He asked the Minister about RRAP and the Minister passed the question off very cavalierly without a great deal of concern for the need which exists there. It has been said by the Hon. Member for Essex-Windsor (Mr. Langdon) that 60 per cent of the people are unemployed in Glace Bay, which is in the Hon. Member's own constituency. How are the people in Glace Bay coping with the need to repair and renovate in order to be able to stay in their homes when they do not have any income from the workplace?

**Mr. Dingwall:** Mr. Speaker, I thank the Hon. Member for his question. I believe he is very much aware of my concern for that part of Canada. I would think that moneys under the RRAP program in years gone by have provided a great deal in terms of energy efficiency and providing jobs, which has added to the building industry as a whole. However, as I said earlier, and I wish to reiterate it while the Minister is in the House, a program to include additional moneys for RRAP, for environment protection and for fisheries or marine protection, ought to be included in a provincial-federal subsidiary agreement between the Government of Canada and the Government of Nova Scotia.

I am certain that if the particular subject matter which is raised by my hon. colleague was put into an agreement, it could bring benefits not only for the short term, Mr. Speaker, but would provide benefits a long way down the road for those individuals who have older homes, who wish to reside in their homes, and who, through no fault of their own, do not have the required capital to make the necessary renovations.

I would urge, therefore, Mr. Speaker, in co-operation with my colleagues and in support of the question he raised, that the Minister responsible reflect upon that matter and again raise it with his colleague, the Minister responsible for housing, so that it might be included in any provincial-federal subsidiary agreement to alleviate the economic plight of individuals in Cape Breton.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest):** There is less than one minute left.

**Mr. Taylor:** I can say what I want to say in less than a minute, Mr. Speaker. I want to know if this is a private feud between the New Democratic Party and the Liberals, or can anyone join in? The two Hon. Members of the NDP and the Liberals are arguing with each other. It seems like their own people have not suffered enough. I suggest that both Hon. Members pull up their socks, because the next time there will be a PC Member in both constituencies and then they will get results.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest):** The Hon. Member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. Dingwall) in closing.

**Mr. Dingwall:** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member raises a question which perhaps ought to be reflected upon by himself. I do not think anyone can fault the New Democratic Party for raising such an important issue on the floor of the House of Commons. Although I may take an entirely different view from what those Hon. Members say, I think it is important that the issue be raised. However, I would have hoped that Conservative Members of Parliament would rise in their place and ask intelligent questions and put forward solutions which they may think applicable to resolving the plight of people in that area of Canada.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I would think that those Hon. Members would jump at the opportunity to participate in this debate. With the exception of those Hon. Members who always go back to the phrase that the private sector will take care of them, I would think that they would have ample solutions readily available which we could share with the people in that area. I would hope that they would contribute to the debate.

**Mr. Waddell:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. Today is, of course, Robbie Burns Day which, traditionally, Scottish Canadians celebrate. I am wearing my kilt. I am a little unclear about the dress code in the House. I seek your permission, Sir, to be able to sit in the House while wearing the kilt. Considering that this country really was started by French Canadians and Scots, I think I should be allowed to do so.

**Mrs. Finestone:** On the point of order, Mr. Speaker, I will say that I have no objection as long as the Hon. Member is prepared to share with us the knowledge of what he is wearing under that kilt.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest):** May I just warn the Hon. Member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell).

**Mr. Waddell:** Mr. Speaker, may I reply to my hon. friend who, I might say, I respect and admire? She is a very articulate new Member of the House of Commons, and I do not say that in a Burnsian sense. I can only say to the Hon.