

*Government Orders*

Certainly, Mr. Speaker, I would hope that there would be an opportunity for this House to speak to this important matter very early in the coming week.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I wish to inform the House that because of ministerial statements, Government Orders will be extended 11 minutes. Therefore Private Members' Business will begin at 5.11 o'clock p.m. Orders of the Day.

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## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

• (1520)

[*English*]

### PETRO-CANADA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACT

#### MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed consideration of Bill C-84, an act respecting the privatization of the national petroleum company of Canada, as reported (without amendment) from a legislative committee and Motion No. 2A (Mr. Langdon), Motion No. 14A (Mr. Langdon) and Motion No. 19 (Mr. Lee).

**Mr. Lyle Kristiansen (Kootenay West—Revelstoke):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise to engage in the debate on Bill C-84 now before us.

This is a bill which, described very simply, is an act respecting the privatization of the national petroleum company of Canada.

In looking through the bill, and I recognize that we are dealing particularly with Motion Nos. 2A, 14A and 19, —it is interesting to note that in the pages opposite the proposed legislation itself, there is not a single word of explanation, but simply the recommendation that His Excellency, the Governor General, recommends to the House of Commons: the appropriation of public revenues under the circumstances and for the manner and purposes set out in a measure entitled: "an act respecting the privatization of the national petroleum company of Canada."

There is no explanation. There is nothing other than our own experience—we have a wealth of experience with this government and its intent over the last number of years—setting out in layman's language exactly what

the purpose and impact of the legislation as a whole or its various component parts are.

We have seen in the years since the election of this government in 1984 a series of actions, probably commencing with the emasculation of the Foreign Investment Review Agency, now called Investment Canada, so as to completely detooth it and render it absolutely ineffective to deal with the question of foreign ownership of our economy.

We have seen the systematic emasculation of VIA Rail, the rail transportation system in this country. It began under the previous Liberal administration and has proceeded under this government with ever increasing regularity and severity.

We have seen what surely is going to lead to almost the complete destruction of the Canada Post Corporation. The philosophy seems to be: Make its services unacceptable to the public; make the corporation behave in such a way that nobody has much use for it any more because it does not do its job effectively. It does not provide the services in the communities that demand them. Sooner or later, we will end up privatizing the whole of that as well.

We have seen the selling off of Air Canada. We have seen airline deregulation, and we can see the beginning of moves that are going to result in the isolation of one community after another outside of the major metropolitan areas.

We now hear of the open skies policy of the government, which again will serve to place many of our more isolated communities in jeopardy in terms of air service.

Just yesterday we had the announcement of the severe emasculation of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, tearing its roots out of many of the communities that make this country what it is, a nation not just of urban dwellers and of cities, but of people with close links to the resources and the land who have a feeling for what makes this country.

One thing after another, the government wants to destroy, sell off, deregulate or emasculate almost every agency in every institution that can hold this country together. What is behind it? What kind of blind faith, dogma, doctrine and ideology does this government have that is causing it to proceed on a course that can have no other final result than the disintegration of Canada? The Conservative Party obviously believes in the positive