

*Government Orders*

lithosphere, its use significantly reduces emissions of new carbon dioxide from automobiles.

• (1710)

On September 8, 1990, Environment Canada announced that it considers ethanol blended gasoline an "environmental choice" product. A healthy grain based ethanol fuel industry would also provide our hard-pressed farmers an alternative to domestic markets for grain and thus, a much needed stimulus to Canada's rural communities.

Unfortunately, the big oil companies, including Petro-Canada have actively discouraged increased use of ethanol. The company recently backed away from establishing an ethanol plant in Dawson Creek, B.C. and seems intent on continuing to use other, more environmentally hazardous, gasoline additives. Recent reports indicated that it still uses MMT, a manganese-based octane enhancer, which has been banned in the United States. The company is also constructing a plant in Edmonton to produce another non-renewable additive, MTBE, effectively killing any possibility for an ethanol fuel industry in northern Alberta.

[*Translation*]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** I am sorry to interrupt the hon. member, but there is a lot of noise and I want to listen very carefully to the speech by the hon. member for Edmonton East. The hon. member has the floor, and he has two minutes left.

**Mr. Harvey (Edmonton East):** I have two minutes left. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

[*English*]

There are many more things that Petro-Canada can do on the environmental front, Mr. Speaker. All of these we can do.

So we Canadians once again are faced with a choice about Petro-Canada. We can choose to be satisfied with Petro-Canada as it is now, imitating the big American owned multinationals that we see through our window on their industry. Or we can let the Tories privatize Petro-Canada, thereby closing the shutter on that window forever and placing our blind trust in an Exxon-envisioned profit-driven energy future or we can move forward.

We can turn away from the window of the past, remembering what we saw and learned through that window, and apply it elsewhere, creating our own more sustainable energy future. It is our choice.

In an aid toward this House making the right choice, I should like to propose an amendment to the motion previously moved by the hon. member for Scarborough—Rouge River. I move:

That the amendment be amended by adding the following words:

"and at a time when the development and wide dispersal of alternatives to traditional fossil fuel energy sources is an environmental necessity."

Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

[*Translation*]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** Order, please. The Chair will take under advisement the motion for a sub-amendment moved by the hon. member for Edmonton East. Resuming debate. The hon. member for Calgary Southwest.

[*English*]

**Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary Southwest):** Mr. Speaker, I have waited for this day for a long time. I can assure you that it gives me a great deal of pleasure to stand here and discuss this Bill C-84 with regard to the sale of the shares of Petro-Canada to the general public.

In introducing this legislation, the minister responsible for privatization and regulatory affairs has laid out a reasonable and a practical rationale for the government's privatization initiative. The rationale flows from the basic principles of the privatization process. In our government's agenda for economic renewal, which was presented in 1984, we expressed the intention to do a thorough review of the role of individual Crown corporations. The agenda paper noted that, and I quote, "Although each corporation was established to serve—

**Mr. McDermid:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. In the give and thrust of debate in the House, we do the odd strange thing. The hon. member for Edmonton East is sitting whistling the American national anthem, which has absolutely no respect for this House or the hon. member for Calgary Southwest and her speech. We were very patient listening to him—