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and to state a case with regard to pollution should it be thought undesirable to support an application.

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INTENTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS PROPOSED BY CANADIAN RADIO-TELEVISION COMMISSION

**Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek):** I wish to direct a question to the Acting Prime Minister. Are the new rules and regulations proposed by the CRTC intended ultimately to bring about the nationalization of all Canadian broadcasting?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member will recognize that his question is asked in very general terms; he is really asking for a statement of policy. I am not sure that the question is in order, but since it has been asked perhaps the Acting Prime Minister might be allowed to reply.

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** As far as I know the answer is no. But the question is one which ought to be directed to the CRTC itself.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES IN DENVER

**Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley):** I directed a question on this subject to the Acting Prime Minister the other day. At that time the hon. gentleman who now occupies this temporary post was absent from the House and someone else replied. I would like to ask the hon. member for Eglinton, or whoever is acting as Prime Minister, to comment on the interesting speech made by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources at Denver and tell us whether he was expressing government policy when he gave unqualified support to the present proposals of the CRTC and said, as found on page 34 of the text of that speech, that the government was in favour of increased Canadian content in our television and radio programs?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** I would have to look at the words of the hon. minister. Certainly, as far as the government is concerned we favour, as does Parliament, the principle that the Canadian content of programs should predominate.

**Mr. Nowlan:** We are all in favour of motherhood, Mr. Speaker.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh?

[Mr. Greene.]

**Mr. Nowlan:** Well, I am in favour of it. Some hon. gentlemen opposite might not be. Regardless of the objective, Mr. Speaker, my question was: Does the statement of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, as set out in interesting terms on page 34, indicate that it is government policy to support without qualification the present proposals of the CRTC?

**Mr. Sharp:** No, Mr. Speaker. The CRTC has made proposals which are now under discussion. If the CRTC were to change those proposals, that would be its responsibility, not the government's.

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** I should like to ask the Acting Prime Minister whether I was correct in understanding him to say that he had not yet read the speech to which reference has been made—the speech by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. If my understanding is correct, was the omission due to lack of time or deliberate policy?

**Mr. Sharp:** I can tell the hon. gentleman that I have read my colleague's speech. It is quite a brilliant speech.

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

**Mr. Sharp:** It is one which I am sure the hon. gentleman would like to have delivered himself. However, the question which was put to me originally was whether I had read the speech before it was delivered. The answer to that was no.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Nowlan:** On a point of order—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member has to resume his seat. He seeks to rise on a point of order and the Chair will recognize him in a moment. Again, I have to bring to the attention of hon. members the fact that we shall soon be running out of time. The hon. member for Swift Current-Maple Creek, who raised the original question on this point, has a supplementary. He will be recognized in a moment. First we will hear the hon. member who has a point of order.

**Mr. Nowlan:** My point of order is this, Mr. Speaker. I thought, from the Acting Prime Minister's earlier answer, that he had not read that portion of the speech which was the basis of my question. Now, he has said he has read the speech and that it was a brilliant speech. My question referred specifically to