

Petroleum Administration Act

of material one is producing, whether it be new oil, old oil, gas or what have you, and depending on the province in which it is produced. What is more interesting about that 8 per cent tax is that it is non-deductible for income tax purposes except, of course, if the company is a foreign multinational. A foreign multinational company can deduct that 8 per cent from the income of the parent company in the United States.

It is interesting that this great document which talks about Canadianization states that Canadian companies will not be able to deduct the 8 per cent royalty for income tax purposes, but that foreign companies may make the deduction. What genius dreamed that one up? It is absolutely absurd. It must have been the same genius who wrote this line, which is a dandy:

While the Government of Canada is determined to increase Canadian ownership and control, it does not wish the result to be increased concentration of power in the hands of a few large . . . companies. Competition is the lifeblood of the industry, and the consumer's best protection. . . . Therefore, the government will be vigilant about ownership trends in the industry.

The government will ensure competition in the public sector by creating perhaps two or three additional companies. Here is the sentence:

To ensure competition in the public sector, the government may establish one or more new Crown corporations to hold the assets acquired, rather than adding them all to Petro-Canada.

Is that not a dandy definition of competition? Instead of having just one Crown corporation at the minister's beck and call, he is going to have two or three and thereby have competition. There will be competition by having three toys to play with rather than one. If this were not so serious, it would be laughable.

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On page 51 it says:

Judging from the results achieved to date by Petro-Canada, it is also an effective way of encouraging the rapid energy development necessary to meet our security needs.

Petro-Canada has not found a drop of oil or a cubic foot of gas yet. How can we judge its tremendous success? Success in the gas and oil industry is judged by the gas and oil the industry finds. Petro-Canada has not found any. Petro-Canada does not have it yet, but it has negotiated with a German-owned and Liechtenstein-headquartered company to build a high rise office building in Calgary. Mind you, this is all in the interest of Canadian ownership. I suppose Petro-Canada got this contract from the Bermuda company which designed its new logo.

This Canadian ownership is really a great thing when exercised by this government. The litany goes on and on throughout this document. There is misinformation, blatant distortions and dishonest analyses of facts. I am not talking about prejudice or some interpretation. I am talking about blatant distortions which are totally contrary to what the officials who wrote this would say in another format.

The reality is that we are in a crisis. This country is in an energy crisis. We are not going to have enough oil to satisfy our needs within a few years. It is absolutely imperative that

we resolve the disputes between the federal and provincial governments, reach an accord, and get on with making this country self-sufficient. That is absolutely imperative to this country. That means that there must be negotiations. The feds think they have the big club and that they can beat the provinces into submission. If that is their true feeling, they are making a very grievous and serious mistake because they will not succeed. They will do enormous damage to the country. They will do more damage than they have already done by taking that path, but they will not succeed in beating the provinces into submission.

The feds must sit down and negotiate. They must negotiate pricing, revenue sharing, and a strategy for future development of supplies for Canada. Canadians are basically a fair-minded people. I am talking about westerners and easterners. Easterners cannot help but think that westerners are greedy and selfish when the only information they get is the blatant lies put out by this minister and his colleagues who believe the things he is telling them. They cannot help but believe that westerners are greedy when they accept the figures of 45-45-10 as the revenue-sharing formula. How do they know any better? That is a distortion. It is a lie. They cannot help but think that Alberta is being very difficult and unwilling to negotiate if they are not aware of all the broken promises and lies of this government in the past.

By the same token, westerners cannot help being overly protective of their resources, given the history of those broken promises. They have waited 113 years for transportation policies which would look after their interests. They have been frustrated about the national policy of high tariffs. They now finally have a resource which is providing some income, and they will not sit idly by and allow this federal government, which has lied to them so often in the past, to seize that resource based on some promise that the federal government has their interests at heart.

If the federal government really wants westerners to believe it, it should stop lying about \$4 billion development funds which are not \$4 billion development funds. The government should stop lying about the 45-45-10 revenue-sharing formula, which is not true. It should stop trying to portray westerners as greedy and selfish and somehow less than real Canadians because they want to be able to protect their own futures. What Canadian does not want to protect his own future? What group of Canadians anywhere does not want to be able to prosper and grow with this country?

Western Canadians feel, with cause, that they do not have a federal government which can be trusted. I say with cause, because there is that record of broken promises. And how can that be changed? It can be changed by coming clean and by being honest. Perhaps that is too much to ask. I do not know. If it is too much to ask, I am afraid we are in for some very tumultuous months and years ahead. I hope it is not too big a change or too much to ask that the Government of Canada, which is a majority and which would like to be a national government, be honest, stop distorting the truth, stop putting out blatant pieces of propaganda, cancel public advertising