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## SUPPLY OF GASOLINE TO INDEPENDENT DEALERS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

**Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill):** Mr. Speaker, I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 43 on a matter of urgent and pressing necessity. In view of the fact that independent gasoline dealers are being unfairly cut off their supplies by large multinational oil companies—specifically, 41 independent service stations will be out of gas this week in the Ottawa area because of these unfair market practices by Gulf Oil—I move, seconded by the hon. member for Selkirk-Interlake (Mr. Sargeant):

That the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources immediately investigate the current marketing practices of large oil companies in cutting off supplies to independent gasoline dealers, in order to stop their unfair and unethical practices.

**Mr. Speaker:** The motion can be introduced for debate, under the terms of Standing Order 43, only upon unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

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## PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT ON TAXING ADDITIONAL REVENUES OF OIL COMPANIES—EFFECT ON TSE

**Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. As we know, the Toronto Stock Exchange oil index dropped down 109 points in one day, which is a 4 per cent swing from high to low, due to the Prime Minister's incredible and unprecedented statement during question period on Friday that he would—

—ensure that virtually 100 per cent of the revenues that would go to the companies as a result of increases in energy prices will, in fact, be regained by the Government of Canada—

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Will the Prime Minister be announcing any further economic measures in relation to corporate taxes?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member is seriously interested, I suggest that he pay attention to questions in the House and also be present here for the budget tomorrow.

**Mr. Hopkins:** That will be a clear indication to the Canadian people of how well the Prime Minister of Canada answers questions in the House. I have a supplementary question. Is the Prime Minister aware of the serious effect of such rash statements, and will he try to break the stock market single-

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handedly again soon with such irresponsible and careless timing of his remarks?

**Mr. Clark:** The answer to the first part of the question is yes, and the answer to the second part is no.

## ENERGY SELF-SUFFICIENCY BY 1990—EXPORT OF NATURAL GAS TO UNITED STATES

**Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister, in the absence of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and it relates to the often stated proposal by his government of the intention to reach energy self-sufficiency by 1990.

I would ask the Prime Minister how he rationalizes the sale of 3.75 trillion cubic feet of natural gas to the United States with the statement by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources on oil and gas supplies of November, 1979, stating that additional sales to the United States would make Atlantic Canada continue to be dependent upon foreign oil supplies.

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I am not sure to which statement the hon. member is referring. It may well have referred to the statement of the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources with regard to heating oil, or to oil, and not to natural gas. In any event, since it came down in November, it was a statement which predated the publication of the National Energy Board report which indicated that the amounts recommended for export to the United States were clearly surplus to Canadian needs, and that those Canadian needs to which they were surplus included the possibility of significant substitution in eastern Canada.

**Mr. MacLellan:** Mr. Speaker, I would ask the Prime Minister about his statement on Friday not to extend the natural gas pipeline to the maritime provinces, thereby making the maritime provinces continually dependent upon offshore oil supplies and, once again, putting the Atlantic region in an inferior position to the rest of Canada.

I would ask the Prime Minister why his government does not extend, right now, the natural gas pipeline into the maritime provinces, thereby enhancing the possibility of an early extraction of natural gas from the Sable Island area and reducing the dependence of the maritime provinces on offshore oil.

**Mr. Clark:** Mr. Speaker, I am sure the hon. member's misrepresentation of what I said was not intentional. Our position is that if there is a desire on the part of the maritime provinces to have a gas pipeline extended beyond Quebec City, we are prepared to consider that with the utmost seriousness. Indeed, if they agree, we would be prepared to go ahead with such an extension beyond Quebec City.

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

**Mr. Clark:** But we are not going to force down the throats of Atlantic Canada a pipeline that they do not want. So we are waiting for the agreement of the Atlantic provinces.