

ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND ACT**AMENDMENT TO GIVE BOARD AUTHORITY TO MANAGE OTHER FUNDS**

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (for the Minister of Veterans Affairs) moved that Bill C-17, to amend the Army Benevolent Fund Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs.

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FIRE LOSSES REPLACEMENT ACCOUNT ACT**AMENDMENT TO EXTEND APPLICATION OF ACT**

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development) moved that Bill C-18, to amend the Fire Losses Replacement Account Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I seek the same kind of assurance from the government House leader, namely, that he will speak to his colleague the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Buchanan) along the same lines as my representations on Bill C-13.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, in the spirit of co-operation and friendship which I extend to the hon. member on his return to the House, I give that undertaking.

Mr. Baldwin: Parliament is alive and working.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

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PETROLEUM ADMINISTRATION ACT**MEASURE RESPECTING THE ADMINISTRATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL EXPORT AND IMPORT TRADE IN PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS**

The House resumed, from Monday, November 4, consideration of the motion of Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale) that Bill C-32, to impose a charge on the export of crude oil and certain petroleum products, to provide compensation for certain petroleum costs and to regulate the price of Canadian crude oil and natural gas in interprovincial and export trade, be read the second time and referred to committee of the whole.

Oil and Petroleum

Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, prior to calling it ten o'clock on Monday last I had expressed my concerns and those of my constituents on the issue of resource taxation and the groundwork that this legislation lays for the forthcoming budget proposals of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner). While recognizing the need for the paramount position of the federal government in national issue areas such as energy, it has become increasingly evident that the intent of the government is to supersede innately provincial responsibilities.

Moreover, to do so by confrontation can only serve to further damage the economic climate necessary for the resource industries to reinvest in this country. Without the necessary co-operation and co-ordination of policies between the provincial and federal governments, we will continue to see the decline in exploration as witnessed in western Canada by the departure of approximately 28 per cent of the heavy duty capacity oil drilling rigs. The result of this, coupled with continued uncertainties over taxation, the lack of concrete energy policies, aggravated by continual intergovernmental quarrelling, is that resource industries can hardly be expected to remain and continue to reinvest in so hostile an atmosphere. In the end, communities such as I represent in Kootenay West, whose lifeblood is based on the resource and energy related industries, will suffer.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot help observing that the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands (Mr. Douglas) could not address himself to this bill without reference to government takeover of companies now drilling for oil. The hon. member wants the federal and provincial governments to drill for oil. With his party's policies now being demonstrated by the Saskatchewan government, it will not be long before that will be precisely the case, because nobody else wants to drill for it. Now that the Saskatchewan drilling rigs have left for the Dakotas and elsewhere, where is the technical know-how, the skill and experience to do the job? That is the very thing this nation neither needs nor wants, namely, another massive bureaucrat created from the monster of nationalization.

Mr. Speaker, many members have expressed grave concern about the constitutional validity of part III of Bill C-32. Certainly I have expressed doubts and concerns, and I urge the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Macdonald) to demonstrate an understanding of our concern and to recognize that what we in opposition are really saying is that this is a good act; just clean it up a little. We are saying that we support the minister's good intentions. This bill will benefit Canadians, but just as surely as attempts were made in this House on Tuesday to challenge the authority of the Speaker, so part III challenges the authority of the provinces. It is confrontation without consultation, and no good will come of it.

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When the people of Canada—who are also the people of the provinces—realize they have been had, they will remember four years hence. I further state that this feeling of national frustration will increase after the Minister of Finance brings down his budget—a budget that I predict will be a further erosion of the British North America Act, a further erosion of the oil and gas industry in Alberta, a further erosion of this industry in Saskatche-