

Canadair Limited Divestiture Act

In other words, there is a creative way that one can approach these questions of state ownership or private ownership. The key thing is that the people of Canada are served. In doing so, no Government should be a slave to outdated ideology. The response that is coming from speakers for the New Democratic Party when they approach this question of privatization shows a clear knee-jerk reaction to these questions of state ownership. The Hon. Member's remarks, although they do refer to history, fail to take into account the movement of history, and the cumulative effect of vast numbers of Crown corporations that were created under previous Liberal administrations, to the point where what once was a useful adjunct of Government, a useful state purpose, has been over-used and abused. It has seen Government active in areas where it is counterproductive. That is why this Government is beginning the process of bringing some rationality and order into the mixed economy that will continue as part of this country's approach to economic regulation and commerce.

Mr. Nystrom: I appreciate the Member's question and comment. He says that we are being "idealized". I would argue instead that the Conservative Party members are the ideologues, not members of this Party. For example, here I have an editorial from the hometown newspaper of the Member for Etobicoke—Lakeshore (Mr. Boyer), *The Toronto Star* of July 8, 1986, which states that the Government's privatization campaign is not a response to public pressure. Rather, the effort seems to stem from neo-Conservative ideology. Madam Speaker, it is neo-Conservative ideology. They are the ideologues.

The Hon. Member mentioned a shoe factory in Saskatchewan that closed many years ago, in the 1940s or early 1950s. Sure, there have been some failures in public enterprise. I would like to ask the Member about his own riding and his own city. What about the closure of Goodyear in his own city where some 1,500 jobs have been lost? That is a private sector company that is closing down. That is in the private sector. Today in Winnipeg Canada Packers announced that they were closing down part of their St. Boniface plant. This is a private sector failure. Part of its plant is being closed down in Winnipeg, and over 400 jobs will be lost. Every day in this country there are private companies going broke, so it is not just the public sector that has a failure once in a while. There are many, many failures in the private sector.

Mr. Riis: Thousands every year.

Mr. Nystrom: As I mentioned before, the Hon. Member is the one who is being the ideologue. It is the neo-Conservative ideology that the people in this country are now starting to reject. As the last poll showed, that Party is sitting at some 29 per cent support. One of the reasons is the neo-Conservative ideology we see across the way.

I made it very clear in my remarks that I support, and the history of the CCF-NDP Government in this country in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and British Columbia has been to

support not just Crown corporations, but also to support a co-operative movement of small business. I know that the Member for Assiniboia would agree with me, because he is a great red Tory who comes from that tradition in Saskatchewan that believes that we need a mixture of co-operative and public enterprise along with small business and the farm economy. That is the history of the CCF. That is the history of the Government of the CCF when it was in power. The Member across the way knows that. I said that this afternoon, but he chose not to listen.

[Translation]

Mr. Guilbault (Drummond): Madam Speaker, I listened closely to the Hon. Member, and he said that, as Conservatives, it is our policy to privatize Crown corporations while, in fact, this industry had suffered losses since 1976 and had an accumulated deficit of \$2.4 billion which had to be borne by Canadian taxpayers, which is quite enormous, and while it is a fact that state-owned corporations are being privatized increasingly in other countries.

For instance, we know that France has privatized its pulp and paper industry and that part of it has been purchased by Canadians from the Drummond constituency, the Lemaire brothers. Now, instead of record deficits, there are record profits, which is to the advantage of the whole French industry. The same would happen in this case for Canada and Canadians.

In my opinion, it is insulting for the Bombardier administrators for someone to say that they are not offering an innovative and efficient management since we know that Bombardier began as a small snowmobile industry before building the New York and Mexico City subways and that this company will have engineers and the advantage of all the specialized workers of Canadair.

I must say that Crown corporations often have problems because of a top-heavy operation. Someone said earlier that this was a management problem and that you need one type of management in Government and another in the private sector. The question of productivity is always related to industrial management. The best way to guarantee productivity is to go to the private sector.

Some of the Members who went with me to Great Britain saw that even the prisons are being privatized over there, as well as all large Crown corporations.

In my opinion, it is quite wrong to say that the Conservative Government is privatizing haphazardly. I would like the comments of the Hon. Member on this point.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The Hon. Member for Yorkton—Melville (Mr. Nystrom) has the floor.

Mr. Nystrom: Thank you, Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member said that—

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The Hon. Member has only one minute to give his answer.