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Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): I am happy to rise to take part in the debate.

Madam Deputy Speaker: I recognize the hon. member for Longueuil on a point of order.

Mr. Nic Leblanc (Longueuil): I move that the hon. member for Rosemont do now speak.

Madam Deputy Speaker: I am sorry. I cannot accept the motion at this time. The hon. member had already started his remarks. The hon. member for Abitibi.

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Madam Speaker, it is a pleasure for me to rise and speak about this famous project. We have been talking in Canada about the Hibernia project for twenty-five years. There is nothing new there. Between 1980 and 1984, the oil field was surveyed and evaluated. Eight out of the nine wells that were drilled proved to be worth developing and worth the cost of \$465 million. They can go on talking. I am very pleased they noticed that there are conservative Quebecers who have been defending Quebec's interests since 1984. We did not wait until 1990 to start defending those interests, Madam Speaker. We have been doing it since 1984 while some of the hon. members on the other side were travelling around the world a couple of times—

Madam Speaker, in February of 1985, the Atlantic Accord was signed. The funniest thing of all is that, on May 10, 1988, when the Atlantic Accord was voted on, the New Democrats voted with the government in favour of the Accord. I see also that the member for Mégantic—Compton—Stanstead voted in favour of the Accord on that day, and it seems somewhat bizarre today to see the other members sitting on the other side, the member for Longueuil, the member for Richelieu who was not present—maybe he was gone on a trip around the world— Madam Speaker, in this project, all regions of Canada have the opportunity to benefit from the \$3 million that will be spent in Canada to get the Hibernia project off the ground. We know that companies in Quebec are in a very good position to get their share of the contracts that will be awarded to Canadian companies.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Point of order. The hon. member for Rosemont has the floor.

Mr. Benoît Tremblay (Rosemont): I would like to remind you, Madam Speaker, to listen carefully to what the hon. member is saying. If some members of this House did make inappropriate trips on official business, then that may be considered an insult to the House.

Madam Deputy Speaker: I do not see how the hon. member for Rosemont can feel threatened by a comment not intended for him. After all, the Chair cannot be responsible for each and every word uttered in this House. The hon. member for Abitibi.

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I am glad his point of order has been ruled inadmissible. I never talked about official trips. I think, everywhere in the world, when people talk about the whole wide world, they also mean Quebec. I want to thank my colleague. Since Quebec has already carried out similar projects, for example, some hydro projects, and I think I am in a position to talk about hydro projects, since I come from the largest riding of the ten provinces, and the Bay James project has had an enormous impact— All of the equipment was built in Quebec, and then brought to my constituency. These people have some experience in the shipbuilding field. Quebec businesspeople will surely be able to compete when bidding for the Hibernia contracts. It may be that I know nothing of the sort, but I won't refrain from rising because I am a Conservative from Quebec. And it is not the member for Rosemont who will stop me from speaking in the House of Commons. Stay in your small Montreal. You never came to Abitibi. Stay home!

Madam Deputy Speaker: Order!

The Chair would ask the member for Abitibi to address himself to the Chair and not directly to one of his colleagues. This would help to maintain order in the House. The member for Abitibi.

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I admit you are right. You are perfectly right. In both cases, Quebec companies already own majority interest in the consortia which obtained the contracts. Discussions on the contracts have begun in Montreal. More than 600 individuals, Madam Speaker, will work on designing surface modulars for Hibernia.

Quebec companies are also hoping for contracts related to Hibernia. I agree with the Quebec Conservative