

tax credit, but it would be broader than the credit proposed by the Conservatives. It would be a cost of living tax credit, and I think it could be fashioned in such a way that people making \$20,000 a year or less would not have to pay any more money when price increases for heating oil and gasoline are imposed. I think this could be done.

I hope in a few weeks to be able to tell the minister about this in detail. He asked for some detail about how prices can be dealt with in this way and how we can get an agreement in principle with the producing provinces. There has to be a cost of living tax credit which would cushion the people. We are talking about \$1.8 billion, but this could be done if we were to reform our tax system in relation to corporations and companies. We could collect taxes in a different way and have money available to distribute to the people.

As I understood the people with whom I spoke in Toronto this past weekend, consumers are not prepared to view the Liberal government program in a different way than they viewed that of Tweedledee, the Conservatives. Consumers see the programs as being the same. They see rising energy prices with no real cost of living tax credit and with no real commitment to renewables. Consumers see a continuation of the selling out of natural resources by way of the pre-build.

Consumers hear a lot of talk about Canadianization, but in fact that is just a feathering of the bed of Canadian capitalists like Dome and others in comparison with Americans. Consumers do not see this Canadianization being tied into a whole industrial strategy for this country in such a way that if there were rising oil prices they could be sure that the proceeds would be going toward building a Canadian, publicly-owned industry. That is the position we would take, and we think the Canadian consumer will come around to that position as well.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Order, please. Before recognizing the hon. member for Etobicoke Centre (Mr. Wilson), it is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Hudecki)—National Defence—Support for participation in militia training; the hon. member for Peterborough (Mr. Domm)—Metric Conversion—Opposition by grocers and small businessmen; the hon. member for Edmonton South (Mr. Roche)—National Unity—Western separatism—Call for review of Constitution and energy policies.

Energy

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S.O. 58—CONDEMNATION OF INCREASED TAXES ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Miss MacDonald:

That this House condemns the government for again unnecessarily raising petroleum taxes and thereby burdening all consumers, but particularly consumers of heating oil, with prices far in excess of those promised without providing relief to those hardest hit and least able to adjust.

Hon. Michael Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): Mr. Speaker, before moving to the main content of my remarks today I would like to refer briefly to the blatantly cheap shot taken by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Lalonde) in reference to my colleague's being absent from the House on the day of the vote of December 13, 1979. My colleague was in Europe on government business. She had paired with someone in the minister's party. That pair was broken, and my colleague was unable to be in the House for that vote. That is the fact of the matter, and that is why I say the blatantly cheap shot taken by the minister should not have been taken in this House.

Mr. Lalonde: Your leaders told her to stay in Europe.

Mr. Wilson: What we are addressing here in the House this afternoon is a problem faced by many Canadians. The problem is the price of gasoline and heating oil, which is rising drastically. That is the fundamental problem Canadians are facing.

During the last election campaign the Minister of Finance (Mr. MacEachen) advertised as follows: "Vote Liberal, and the price will stay down because Allan J. MacEachen and the Liberal party spoke up for you". The Liberal party is certainly not speaking up for the people of Canada because since then the price has increased 60 cents a gallon. The minister tries to confuse the matter by citing figures in an attempt to show that prices are lower than they would have been under the Conservative government. I want to examine those prices later on in my remarks in order to prove to the people of Canada that the minister is wrong.

Mr. Lalonde: You are wrong.

Mr. Wilson: He is playing with figures, and he knows it. We have seen all this before. We have seen the two-faced policy of saying one thing when running for election and another thing when wanting to get people's money. Back in 1974 the Liberal party ran on the platform that there would be no wage and price controls. Hon. members opposite said, "Zap, you're frozen; we will not have any of that if you elect us to govern this country". Fifteen months later we had wage and price controls.

We have the same time-frame now with respect to oil and gas prices. In 1980 hon. members opposite said we should vote