

let us begin by helping ourselves! An old saying goes: Charity begins at home. By "ourselves" I mean our constituents, the Canadian people. Let us provide them with security and freedom. Let us not have any surplus but at least security and freedom. Let us use our surplus to help the most underprivileged countries but for Heaven's sake let us begin by helping our fellow citizens, our disabled people, our families in need and all those who need assistance from the federal government and from the provincial, municipal and school authorities. Then as federal members we shall have served the best interests of our country and people.

**Mr. Roy (Laval):** Mr. Speaker, would the hon. member permit a question so as to clarify a point?

**Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Go ahead.

**Mr. Roy (Laval):** Mr. Speaker, I was quite interested in listening to the hon. member for Témiscamingue but it seems to me that we have been served a demagogical speech. I went through the article published in today's *La Presse* and line 7 precisely deals with the export of "bunker fuel", of industrial heating oil. The hon. member did not give this detail.

You are aware that the home heating oil is extracted from the industrial heating oil or «bunker fuel» which leaves only a very small amount of lower quality heating oil. The Quebec region is not short of industrial heating oil but of home heating oil. One more, I repeat that heating oil has already been extracted from the heavy oil. I suggest that this detail is most important.

● (1640)

[English]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. I do not know if there is question that should be replied to, but I will allow the hon. member for Témiscamingue (Mr. Caouette) to reply.

**Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, there was no question but rather a statement from the member.

[Translation]

I read exactly what the hon. member has just said: "bunker fuel"—

**An hon. Member:** It is still a residue.

**Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Yes it is. Now we speak about oil. We can produce fuel oil in Quebec or buy it already refined from Newfoundland. All our tanks in Montreal are full. For that reason, they say, we cannot buy the oil that the Sheahan Corporation in Newfoundland is ready to sell us.

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** That corporation is not producing yet.

**Mr. Caouette (Témiscamingue):** It doesn't produce oil but it offers to sell to the province of Quebec three million barrels of oil and we say that we cannot buy it because our tanks are full. This winter we shall say: We would buy it but the transportation facilities cannot be used in winter time when the minister knows perfectly well that the

### *Energy Supplies Emergency Act*

Atlantic ocean is full of salt water that does not freeze in winter and where ships can continue to navigate.

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** We have just enough oil now. The hon. member is talking about surpluses of refined oil.

[English]

**Mr. Bill Knight (Assiniboia):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to take some of the time left before private members' hour to begin to deal with the supply allocation bill related to energy products that we have before us and its relationship to the province of Saskatchewan, particularly the area of Assiniboia which I have the honour to represent. I am pleased to have the opportunity to make known some of my opinions with regard to energy in Canada.

We in the New Democratic Party agree in principle with the energy supplies emergency bill. If there is going to be a crisis there is a need for a board with the kind of power, through an order in council, that would enable it to make a co-ordinated effort to alleviate any undue hardship that may hit Canadians in the area east of the Ottawa Valley. There is no question about that. Some parts of the bill still need amendment, and one area is in the lessening of environmental requirements and standards within Canada. I believe that part of the bill needs to be reviewed.

Second, in the allocation of oil supplies one must take the independent wholesalers into consideration. I want to make an appeal to my colleague from Regina East (Mr. Balfour) who has taken on some of the responsibility of attempting to co-ordinate the energy policy of the Conservative Party, whatever it may be. With reference to the party's recent statement that they are going to filibuster this legislation, I wish to say to them that though they may have changes to recommend—I think that is good and we, too, may have some changes to recommend—the filibustering of this bill with have very serious implications for Canadians east of the Ottawa Valley. I point to an example that has been brought to my attention by the hon. member for Greenwood (Mr. Brewin) of a situation that has developed in Toronto which illustrates the need for strengthening the allocation provisions of this bill in order to ensure that the smaller companies can get their supplies from the major companies.

The hon. member pointed out that a company called Cotain Plastics Products Limited in Toronto, which employs 36 people and manufactures plastics, is dependent for its supply of polyethylene, necessary in the manufacture of their product, on Dow Chemical of Sarnia and an American company known as Allied Chemicals. At this point in time, Dow Chemical and Allied Chemicals have cut off oil supplies this company needs for the manufacture of plastics. This small company has been forced to close its doors, thus creating a hardship for many ordinary workers in Toronto this coming winter. If we are to deal with this legislation let us, even though it may need amending, deal with it expeditiously, in order to meet any crisis which certain Canadians may face during the harsh winter months.