

Canada Oil and Gas Act

not on political considerations. One would wonder and question how the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources would know at this point that things are very favourable for a location at Gros Cacouna. When he has time available to him I hope the Minister of Finance will make that inquiry and tell the members of the public, who are very much concerned about this matter and very much relieved by his public announcements, that the decision will be made on its merits.

There is one other project which is very much a part of Nova Scotia's energy future and it is dependent upon the support of the Government of Canada. And that is the development of the Donkin Coal Mine. This matter has been before both the government of Nova Scotia and the federal government for years now. Report after report has been filed. But so much of the resolution of our energy problem in Nova Scotia is dependent upon the development of the Donkin coal mine that we would be in very difficult straits if any change in policy were adopted by the Government of Canada and the necessary aid was denied, because the conversion of our oil-fired electrical energy plants to coal is an essential element of the solution to our energy problem in the future.

There are several other matters I would like to draw to the attention of this House with respect to Bill C-48. One in particular involves the provision with respect to oil spills. As hon. members know, legislation was previously enacted under which the Government of Canada established a fund.

An hon. Member: Black Rod is here.

Mr. Knowles: The Tories have no respect for the Crown.

Mr. Crosby: Madam Speaker, would you prefer that I call it six o'clock?

Madam Speaker: There is a message, so we should deal with that.

Mr. Crosby: Madam Speaker, do you wish me to carry on?

As I was saying, the provisions of Bill C-48 respecting—

Mr. Taylor: Black Rod is coming in.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

[*Translation*]

A message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Madam Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the chamber of the honourable Senate.

Accordingly, Madam Speaker with the House went up to the Senate chamber.

● (1800)

And being returned:

Madam Speaker informed the House that when the House went up to the Senate chamber, the Deputy Governor General had been pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bills:

Bill C-44, an act to amend the Small Loans Act and to provide for its repeal and to amend the Criminal Code—Chapter 43.

Bill S-2, an act to implement conventions between Canada and Spain, Canada and the Republic of Austria, Canada and Italy, Canada and the Republic of Korea, Canada and the Socialist Republic of Romania and Canada and the Republic of Indonesia and agreements between Canada and Malaysia, Canada and Jamaica and Canada and Barbados and a convention between Canada and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to income tax—Chapter 44.

Bill C-51, an act to amend the Clean Air Act—Chapter 45.

Bill S-12, an act respecting the Canadian Merchant Service Guild.

Bill S-18, an act to amend and repeal an act to incorporate General Security Insurance Company of Canada.

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[*English*]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Knowles: I rise on a point of order, Madam Speaker. Could we be told what the business is for tomorrow?

Mr. Turner: Madam Speaker, it is my understanding that we will be back on Bill C-48. If there is any change, it will be announced tomorrow at the House leaders' meeting.

[*Translation*]

Madam Speaker: It being past six o'clock, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at two o'clock p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At 6.08 p.m., the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.