

each state to have two senators in the United States Senate. In that senate was vested the authority to protect the rights of every state in the union, new or old.

Under our system we do not preserve state rights carved in stone, as they do in the United States. We would have the existing rights further disrupted and diluted if and when the constitutional package which has been before this House so long were passed. I cannot comprehend how a man who should have obtained his philosophies in a native land which appreciates democratic rights and state rights would ask Canadians, and his own constituents in particular, to accept that the federal government should have all the rights. Nothing could be further from what he was taught to believe.

Mr. Simmons: When did he say that?

Mr. McCain: By his very loud-mouth support of this bill he said that. He has said just that. He has interjected enough that it is pretty clear where he stands.

Mr. Simmons: Come on.

Mr. Epp: Go up to the Senate with Stollery.

Mr. McCain: I suppose you will give me an extra five minutes to deal with the manners of this man.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Order, please. A number of members are calling on the Chair to intervene. I remind them that heckling is an honourable tradition. The hon. member for Carleton-Charlotte has participated in the response, heckling and using some of the same expressions. I think he is doing quite well on his feet and I do not see the necessity of interrupting.

Mr. McCain: Very well, Mr. Speaker. Where does the share of the federal government fit in a confederation? That has already been doled out to the federal government in income tax by an early constitutional amendment. What other share will the government get in a healthy economy with rapid development which this country is ready to receive and capable of developing?

The government gets a share because the unemployment insurance payments would go down. They would save half a billion bucks, maybe more. It gets another share because welfare payments will go down. Under the present Unemployment Insurance Act, welfare payments as part of a cost sharing program, are costing more. It will probably make another half a billion a year there. The government gets another share because the highly paid employees of any developmental structure are going to be paying personal income tax on a high level. I do not know what the estimate of that would be. That is the third share. The government gets another share in the form of income tax from the corporations, companies or individuals conducting the development. It gets other revenues in every tax field from every spin-off of an improved economy. How much does this government want to try to persuade Canada that it should get off the backs of the provinces? It is hypocritical for a government to say it does not

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get anything out of the development of oil when its gets it in every direction by reduced costs of government and increased revenues which amounts to billions of dollars.

Mr. Gustafson: It wants to whole hog.

Mr. McCain: You get this by reducing federal expenditures and by increasing national revenues. The problem is that an ill-managed government has spent to the extent that it cannot cope with the programs it has put in place and which it has costed and forecast with great inaccuracy. Rather than say a mistake was made, it is reaching higher and higher with greed for political profile at the expense of the provinces in this and so many other situations.

This party was asked what it would do were it in power with respect to the right of way for electricity to pass through the province of Quebec. That was one of the most superfluous questions I have ever heard. There was a deal made by federal Liberal government under Mr. Pearson, with a Liberal government negotiating for Newfoundland under Mr. Smallwood's direction and a Liberal government dealing with the problem in the province of Quebec under Mr. Bourassa. I say to the Liberal government of this day and its party supporters that it is a pretty dirty bird that will foul its own nest and ask its successors to move in and clean it up. You fellows clean it up. Your predecessors created it. Don't ask us what to do about it, we didn't create it.

The Bible says that the son shall answer for the sins of the father, and so the sons will just have to take the punishment and come up with the solutions that will create a unified, harmonious Canada. While they are doing that they should bear one thing in mind. Montreal has been supplied with oil by an international pipeline from Portland as well as from other sources. New Brunswick has undertaken an interprovincial and an international electric grid. Without rights of way, these projects would have been impossible. There is to be and there will be a maritime energy commission at some point in time. That will depend on the freedom of transmission of electricity through the provinces of Canada for it to be successful.

I submit that if there is to be energy transmitted from one province to another, if we are going to bring gas from Alberta to Montreal, then can we not bring electrical energy from Newfoundland to New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario? This is what should have been thought about when those three great Liberals were laying down the plan which is causing the problems of today. It was the acquiescence and lack of foresight which create the problem.

Mr. Simmons: Are you for or against it?

Mr. McCain: Just like an artesian well.

Mr. Epp: No, an artesian well has clean water.

Mr. Wilson: He's more like a sump pump.

Mr. McCain: Perhaps the federal government could improve its approach in the fashion it is trying to negotiate with the provinces. The history of the resource industry of Canada,