

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Madam Speaker, we in this House all know what a distinguished record Mr. Kelly has had over the past years in working on labour-management matters. The House will be pleased to know that at this time the best advice received from Mr. Kelly and the Department is that we must first determine very carefully the inclination or willingness of the partners to this dispute to give signs of coming together to find an agreement that will not only suit their economic interest but also be in the public interest. Mr. Kelly, who is certainly one of the best people we have on that situation, is monitoring it on a daily basis, which should give some comfort and support to the Hon. Member.

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## ENERGY

### DRILLING OPERATIONS—SERVICE SECTOR DIFFICULTIES

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville):** Madam Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. The Minister will be aware that this week there have been several representatives of the energy supply and service sector in Ottawa making representations to Members of Parliament, and indeed to Government, on the very serious difficulties that are being faced by that sector as a result of the slowdown in drilling activity in these sedimentary basin. Less than 30 per cent of the drilling fleet is working. That has a direct impact upon the service and supply sector. What words of encouragement and hope has the Minister given this very important sector, or is he going to allow this multi-billion industry to collapse like a punctured balloon?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Madam Speaker, the message of hope that I can give to them is that for 1983 it is forecast that the cash flow in the industry will increase by about 8 per cent or 9 per cent while the same industry in the United States will see a negative cash flow in 1983. The fact that we have been able to increase the price of a barrel of oil by \$4 as of January 1 substantially improved the position of that industry in relation to the situation south of the border. As you know, some of the people who were very keen to go to the United States some years ago, have come back to Canada. For instance, Total Petroleum have indicated that they are now very happy that they were not able to sell their Canadian assets two years ago. They kept those assets, and the Canadian sector of the company is the only one in which there was a profit made this year.

## Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act

• (1500)

## PETITIONS

### TABLING OF REPORTS OF CLERK OF PETITIONS

**Madam Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that the petitions presented by Hon. Members on Wednesday, June 8, 1983 meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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## ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

### FILING OF OBJECTION TO REPORT OF COMMISSION FOR THE PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

**Madam Speaker:** It is my duty to inform the House that an objection signed by the Hon. Members for Prince Albert (Mr. Hovdebo), The Battlefords-Meadow Lake (Mr. Anguish), Humboldt-Lake Centre (Mr. Althouse), Saskatoon East (Mr. Ogle), Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom), Dauphin-Swan River (Mr. Lewycky), Kootenay East-Revelstoke (Mr. Parker), Spadina (Mr. Heap), Winnipeg-Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie) and Winnipeg North (Mr. Orlikow) has been filed with me pursuant to Section 20 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, Chapter E-2, RSC 1970, to the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Saskatchewan.

If the House agrees, I would suggest we follow past practice and print the text of the objection as an appendix to this day's *Votes and Proceedings*. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

[Translation]

### FILING OF OBJECTION TO REPORT OF COMMISSION FOR THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC

**Madam Speaker:** It is my duty to inform the House that the objection signed by the Hon. Members for Lachine (Mr. Blaker), Blainville-Deux-Montagnes (Mr. Fox), Welland (Mr. Parent), Elington-Lawrence (Mr. de Corneille), York-East (Mr. Collenette), Essex-Kent (Mr. Daudlin), Sarnia-Lambton (Mr. Cullen) and St. Paul's (Mr. Roberts) has been filed with me pursuant to Section 20 of the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, Chapter E-2, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1970, to the report of the Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Quebec.

If the House agrees, I suggest we follow past practice and print the text of the objection as an appendix to this day's *Votes and Proceedings*. Is that agreed?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Madam Speaker:** Agreed.