

from them. They are fighting Seagram's as hard as they can, Canadian interests. Why should Seagram's have the right to go down to the United States and buy up a major American corporation when in Canada they are being expropriated from the same people? I am sorry, but they have a point. The only thing that this program is doing is bringing this country to the same state that England is in and is now suffering from as a result, namely nationalization.

I believe we should stay here for days to debate this. I plead with the government to abandon the National Energy Program now before we feel the full economic impact of the word of mouth which is travelling around the United States. Please abandon it now before the United States decides to abandon its part of the auto pact, leaving tens of thousands of automobile workers in the unemployment ranks. I plead with this government to go back and look at what it is doing. Its favourite, PetroCan, has been able to collect other oil interests from other countries. It is big enough now. Let the free market system work, because it is only the free market system which will resolve the economic problems of this country. Government intervention does not solve the problems, as has been proven in Sweden and in England. Now we have a Prime Minister imposing it on us here. Let the free market work; abandon the energy program.

In my riding, I have watched the havoc which has been created over expropriation. My riding encompasses the Pickering airport. I am talking about expropriation. This havoc is going to spread over the entire north of this country, as well as the east and west coasts of this country, if Bill C-48 is permitted to pass. That is a straight expropriation bill. If it is passed in this House, it will change the lives of every single Canadian, and we will be down in the ranks, below Italy, below the lowest of socialist countries which have tried it. Socialism has not worked in the other countries. Why are we attempting to try it here? It will not work here, either.

Once the government gets Bill C-48 through, the next thing it will do is bring in a new bill to expropriate 25 per cent of all farms, and it will be called "farmcan". Eventually it will go on, without the right of property rights in the proposed Constitution, to take 25 per cent of everyone's homes. The government will call that "Homecan". Therefore, we will have PetroCan, farmcan and homecan. Then the citizens of this country will be left with only one choice: to kick the can of the Liberal government out of Ottawa. That is the only choice we have. I would plead with them to do it today and not wait too much longer.

**Mr. McDermid:** Put the boots to Coutts!

**Mr. Fennell:** Good point!

**An hon. Member:** Keep your head, McDermid.

**Mr. Fennell:** I would like to touch on one of the other points which have come up during this period because it is very close to my heart and my feelings. This is the year of the handicapped. What has this government done to assist the handicapped this year?

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**An hon. Member:** It is the most handicapped government we have ever seen.

**Mr. Fennell:** That is right. My colleague refers to it as a handicapped government. Maybe it should start by helping itself become unhandicapped, first of all; but let us help these people who need the help. The government does not need the help. I am talking about people like my constituent, Mike Overdyk, who had to sit in the Toronto-Dominion tower for 36 hours. I told him to go home and we would work it out here. I have now sent three letters to the Minister of State for Finance. I have received the most Mickey Mouse replies. One did not even answer the first letter. Now I understand that the matter is being studied. If it is being studied and we are staying here, let us bring in new legislation to help the handicapped of this country who have been severely hurt for many generations—since the beginning of time. That is one place the government could start.

All one has to do is look across this country. Do not feel that you are the great white fathers because of what you have accomplished this week which is of such importance: having the handicapped games here in Ottawa. Look at those people and realize how much more help they need. We are fortunate. We can stand on our two feet and use both our hands. We have no handicaps. Those are the people we must look after.

**Mr. Chénier:** That is what you think.

**Mr. Fennell:** Part of the problem of inflation is that the government keeps blaming it on petroleum prices. It is a wonderful way to be; but has it ever looked at the amount of money it is taking which is creating the inflation? Out of a litre of gasoline, the government now takes almost 23 cents out of 36 cents. That is two-thirds of the bite. The government is taking so much money in petroleum taxes that it could afford to provide mortgage deductibility for every home owner in this country for the next year. Give the people a break. Get the country working. Get the construction workers back on the job. This is a great opportunity, while we are sitting in this House, to read and to do something positive. This government does not care about Canadian citizens. It cares about itself. It has looked after itself. Now let us look after Canadians.

I could go on, but I still say that there are many things we can very usefully debate in this House between now and October 14. Perhaps we can get the message across there, because there is an old saying in advertising that if one hits the message frequently enough, it finally sinks in. Perhaps we can get the message across that by our staying here through this summer, we might resolve the economic dilemma of the country.

**An hon. Member:** Come on!

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Fennell:** The country is in an economic dilemma.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!