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strategy? Where are all these indigenous sources of energy that are replacing the foreign oil imports? Where is the third tar sands plant we have been waiting for now for two years? Shell has been actively interested in it and trying to put it forward for at least a year or two years.

**Mr. Paproski:** Five years.

**Mr. Crosbie:** Some more knowledgeable member says five years. Where is that project? What has happened to that? This great policy of the government is a policy that now has us importing net 23 per cent of all the oil consumed in Canada this year. This is going to rise to about one third of all our oil consumption in Canada by 1985, and even higher beyond that, because it is now too late. It does not matter what actions are taken now. The lead time is so long for these projects that we will be in worse shape after 1985 than those figures indicate.

Major energy projects such as trunk pipelines, development of oil sands plants or heavy oil plants and the like require about ten years' lead time for their completion. Where is the minister's sense of urgency? All we hear from him in this House is a lot of gas about what the government has done and is going to do, but nothing of substance has been produced to show that anything has been accomplished.

The minister appeared before the committee last year. I asked him about the third tar sands proposal. He gave me his usual flip reply, that this matter was moving on, that it was all Alberta's fault that it was not going forward. In *Hansard* several days ago he got out the same nonsense again. Just to finish the quotation on page 4486 the minister said:

I believe we have been able to do it because we have been able to work out with the provinces a co-operative approach to the development of our massive energy resources.

What a sick joke. Where is the co-operative approach he has worked out with the provinces? All he has attempted to do is bully the provinces into falling into line with what he wants. There has been co-operative approach. All the minister has done is to go before the Canadian people in February at the first ministers' con game conference with his pointer and a blackboard with an alleged 40 great projects that he said would create one million jobs. The minister knew there were one million unemployed, so he got up with his pointer to pretend that he had 40 huge energy projects which would provide one million jobs to give the people of Canada watching the inference that the government was going to produce in the next few months a million jobs and 40 huge energy projects. He did not want to explain it would cost \$80 million and it all had to be done over 25 years, if it was going to be done.

The patent dishonesty of this approach, the skulduggery of it, would make one throw up if one had not developed a hard constitution as a result of listening to this crew for the last 18 months. I sympathize with members who have had to listen to them for the last four years, put with any luck we won't have to listen to them after the next election. Anybody who wants to speak can get up and speak, including the "honourable Simma"—she should be honourable—from Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. Holt).

[Mr. Crosbie.]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner):** Would the hon. member please address the hon. member by her constituency and not by her name.

**Mr. Crosbie:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I refer to the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway. I have in my hand the evidence of the minister's patent malarkey. He tabled it at the federal-provincial ministers' conference, February 13 to 15. I have a list of the projects the minister tried to pretend to the Canadian people were just about to go ahead. This marvelous minister, this super minister, would create one million jobs.

I look at No. 15, Kitimat oil port and pipeline. Do you know, Mr. Speaker, that the next week the minister announced that that was kiboshed, that it was cancelled? One week he is up telling the Canadian people over television that this is going to create a number of jobs. I can give the figures later about the number of jobs. A week later the Canadian government announced they had cancelled it. We do not need an oil port for importing oil on the west coast of Canada, yet here it is listed so that the Canadian people will think it is going ahead.

Project No. 19(a) was Oil Sands III. It just staggers the imagination. The minister had the audacity to get up in February and say to the Canadian people that Oil Sands III was going ahead and that it would create jobs. Let us look it up and see just how many jobs the minister created at Oil Sands III. By golly, he created 20,000 jobs. Well, I want to know where the 20,000 jobs are. And the Canadian people will want to know that if this bill passes through the House. The minister estimated it to be a \$3 billion project—the annual number of jobs for operating the plant would be 3,200, the construction total of man-years would be 20,000. But what we want to know, Mr. Speaker, is when will Shell confirm it is going ahead? It was announced by the minister in February. Will the minister admit to the House that he tried to fool the Canadian people in this disgraceful manner? The one million people are still unemployed. They were unemployed in February and they are unemployed now, because not one of these 40 projects has gone ahead.

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The minister then had the gall to announce the expansion of the Great Canadian Oil Sands Company. Following that he announced the expansion of Syncrude. He said it was another project. The voters of Canada are not going to permit the minister to get away with this; they are not going to reward him. He also had the gall to announce the James Bay hydro development. It was started by Quebec Hydro in 1974 with not one nickel of federal government money in it. Not a nickel; not a muckle. It was pushed ahead despite the federal government, not because of it. The minister even included in his figures jobs which had been created on that project for the last three years. He included them in the total of jobs he said would be created. And in those million jobs he promised would be created he included jobs which had been filled for the last three years at James Bay. I say the minister should resign here tonight. I have never seen, in ten years in politics in Newfoundland, anything to match this. I thought our politics were a bit raw.