

Petroleum Incentives Program Act

of privilege with respect to the remarks made by the hon. member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre), the tradition is that the hon. member or minister who seeks redress against such vocabulary or expression has the right to raise the matter as soon as he returns to the House. Until such time as he does arrive in the House wishing to seek some redress for the remarks, his right to bring a matter of privilege to the attention of the Chair remains untouched and is in no way lessened by the fact that he is not present at the moment.

The Chair was about to recognize the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell) to continue the debate. Is there another hon. member wishing to rise on a point of order? If the matter is in order and we are prepared to go ahead with the debate, I will now recognize the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway.

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak on behalf of the New Democratic Party on this important part of energy security. I listened very closely to what the minister said. It is too bad the minister did not stay to listen to what some other members had to say.

I will continue when I have some quiet, Mr. Speaker. As I said, I listened very carefully to what the minister had to say. We could summarize what he said into two parts. Simply, the petroleum incentives program is not too generous. The minister said it was necessary to provide energy security for Canadians. PIP gives \$6.5 billion to the oil industry over five years. I ask you, Mr. Speaker, and I ask Canadians who are listening and watching this debate and who are paying some attention to the substance rather than to the clowning, the hijinks, the ringing of the bells and the reactions, is this really the way to have energy security in Canada? The minister said "PIP is necessary to provide energy security for Canadians." He is saying that more money should be given to oil companies, to be precise \$6.5 billion, of taxpayers and consumers money is necessary for Canadian energy security. I do not believe that. I do not think that very many people in Canada believe that. The minister also said that not a single OECD country, that is the more industrialized developed countries, would permit an energy industry to be foreign controlled. But let me ask, who permitted that in the first place? It was the Liberal Party and government who for years have had it as a matter of policy. The same people who brought the tragedy and the situation are trying to take us out of it. Another point made by the minister was about Canadianizing the industry. How are we going to Canadianize it? We all want to Canadianize. But the minister wants to Canadianize the oil industry by giving \$6.5 billion to the oil companies.

Mr. Blenkarn: Some oil companies.

Mr. Waddell: I am concerned the minister is not here. I am concerned that this debate is not being paid the attention it should be by the press and the public, if it is not served by the

press. I am concerned that there are so few members in the House. Accordingly, I call a quorum, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): The hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway has called a quorum, somewhat to the surprise of the Chair. I shall indicate to hon. members what the rules are with respect to a quorum.

Some hon. Members: Just count.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Then we will follow those procedures. There are no points of order and no other points whatever can be accepted during the call for a quorum. I will ask the officer at the Table to count the members present. Any member who is in the House will be counted regardless of what seat he is occupying. Any member may enter the chamber during the count. Any member may leave the chamber during the count. The Chair will make a count. At the conclusion both the officer at the Table and the Chair will check the figures to make sure they are accurate. If there are 20 or more members in the House, including the occupant of the Chair, there will be deemed to be a quorum. There can be no points of order. There can be no questions of privilege. There can be no points of any kind raised once the call for a quorum is made.

I will ask the officer at the Table, the assistant deputy clerk, to count the members present.

And the count having been taken:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): There being 25 members present in the chamber, not including the occupant of the Chair, accordingly, there is a quorum present and debate will continue.

There is another matter of concern to the Chair. It is whether or not the hon. member who called for a quorum would ordinarily again be recognized to continue debate.

Some hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): The Chair will recognize the Minister of Supply and Services (Mr. Blais). While the minister speaks the Chair will take counsel as to whether or not the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway should continue his comments in the debate.

Mr. Blais: Mr. Speaker, I simply wish to rise on a point of order to indicate to you that the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell) did in effect leave the House when the count was being taken for a quorum. Under those circumstances, having relinquished your sight, he can not now be recognized once more to continue the debate. As Mr. Speaker well knows, an hon. member cannot get the floor unless he or she is recognized by Your Honour. While the Clerk was counting the number of members in the House, Mr. Speaker could not recognize a member who, for any purpose, was not in the House. If Your Honour could not recognize him for the quorum count, how could you now recognize him to resume debate? Under the circumstances I suggest that the next hon. member to be recognized should catch Mr. Speaker's eye and