

are positively unhappy with this bill and unhappy with this government. We are not the happy hookers of Ottawa; that is the hon. gentleman's leader who jumped into bed with the government on the Constitution and on energy, and they have been in bed ever since. Now they are trying to wriggle out of bed by trying to convince the Canadian public they are no longer happy hooking with the Liberal government.

Mr. Waddell: Who closed off the debate?

Mr. Crosbie: Do not accuse us of being happy with this bill. We are determined to oppose this bill. Why did the hon. gentleman not ask this House of Commons committee to go to the east coast and talk to the people?

Mr. Waddell: He did.

Mr. Crosbie: Not just to the north, but to the east coast, the west coast and the north to see what conditions are actually like. Get out of central Canada; leave the salubrious atmosphere of Ottawa and see what life is really like. See what the people down there—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. I regret to interrupt the hon. member, but his allotted time has expired. Nevertheless, he may continue if there is unanimous consent.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Crosbie: I will terminate quickly, Mr. Speaker.

Some hon. Members: Terminate, terminate.

Mr. Crosbie: I just say, Mr. Speaker, if we pass this motion—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. Did I hear someone disagree?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Agreed.

Mr. Crosbie: Is there agreement for me to carry on?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): I gather there is not unanimous consent.

Mr. Lalonde: Next time, John. There are 57 amendments; you have 57 speeches.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that

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the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles)—Social Security—Minister's commitments to improve pensions for women, (a) request that minister press for action by government, (b) minister's role in advocating income tax reforms; the hon. member for Provencher (Mr. Epp)—Post Office—service provided by rural offices during postal strike, (a) treatment of employees who remain on duty; the hon. member for Halton (Mr. Jelinek)—Post Office—government position on postal strike, (a) suspension of right to strike.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

CANADA OIL AND GAS ACT

MEASURE RESPECTING OIL AND GAS INTERESTS

The House resumed consideration of Bill C-48, an act to regulate oil and gas interests in Canada lands and to amend the Oil and Gas Production and Conservation Act, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works, and Motion No. 3 (Mr. McGrath).

Mr. Roger Simmons (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Science and Technology and Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, I have a few words to say on this particular motion moved by the hon. member for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath). I think what we have seen in the last hour or so has been quite an interesting display. It is interesting that the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie) would find it necessary even to rise after what was a rather excellent presentation by the senior member in the Tory caucus from Newfoundland, the hon. member for St. John's East. He is a man who has been here for some years and who demonstrated his knowledge of the subject this afternoon. I listened with great interest to what he had to say and, while I did not agree with everything he said, he certainly made a very good case. I for one, as a fellow Newfoundlander, certainly want to congratulate him.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Simmons: I find it a little disconcerting and revealing that the hon. member for St. John's West thought it necessary to rise and make an effort to improve on the arguments of the hon. member for St. John's East.

Mr. Nystrom: The junior member.

Mr. Simmons: I found it really significant that the junior member, the hon. member for St. John's West, could not identify himself with the remarks of the hon. member for St. John's East, but elected in this important debate to carry on the feud which has been evident between them for some years, especially since the junior member came to this chamber.