

REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION

POSITION OF NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Mr. Jack Harris (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, why do members of the Government continue to avoid the truth about the New Democratic Party's support for Atlantic regional development and western diversification? Why do they make scurrilous comments about votes on Estimates in the House when they know that members of this Party have no direct opportunity to reply?

They know that in those Estimates they hid the legal bills for the former Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion in the amount of \$650,000, a person who has been cited for 14 separate counts of breach of conflict of interest guidelines of the Government. To pay his legal bills was abhorrent to the people of Canada. The Government did not have the courage to have a separate vote for this matter. It hid it in about \$3 billion of Estimates for general programs, including the Atlantic Opportunities Agency and the Western Diversification Office.

Will they say we are also against old age pensions which were included in these same Estimates? The people of Canada are on to their hypocrisy. They know that the Government has failed in regional development and can only strike out against the Opposition.

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ABORTION

SUPREME COURT DECISION—PROTECTION URGED FOR UNBORN BABIES

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):

THURSDAY, Jan. 28, 1988 will go down in the history of our country as 'Black Thursday', a day on which the Supreme Court 'sentenced countless unborn babies to death by abortion'.

These words, with which I concur, were issued by the assembled State Deputies of the Canadian Knights of Columbus.

I believe that the unborn child is a human being from the moment of conception. The decision of the Supreme Court, with two judges dissenting, does not change the law of God. We need strong legislation in accordance with biblical teachings to protect the lives of these innocent babies, 60,000 of whom were murdered in the womb in Canada last year.

I urge the Government to make it illegal to use abortion as a birth control measure. That will give thousands of unborn babies a chance to live, and it will bring glory and triumph to our nation.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION RESOLUTIONS AFFECTING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane—Superior): Mr. Speaker, the forty-fourth session of the United Nations Human Rights Commission is now in progress in Geneva. On the agenda there are several resolutions of immense significance to aboriginal peoples in Canada and throughout the world.

These resolutions call for draft international standards on the treatment of indigenous peoples; the establishment of a study into treaties between nation-states and indigenous peoples; and the designation of the year 1992 as the International Year of Indigenous Rights.

Unanimously passed and recommended for approval by the United Nations Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, these resolutions are supported by aboriginal peoples in Canada and throughout the world.

Despite the enormous achievement passage of these resolutions would represent for indigenous peoples and indigenous rights, the Government of Canada is actively campaigning against them. Instead of grasping the opportunity to play a world leadership role, Canada is being obstructionist. Canada should stop its nit-picking and get behind these resolutions. This message should be communicated without delay to the Canadian officials who are in Geneva today.

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UTILIZATION OF MEMBER FOR OSHAWA'S TELEPHONE CODE

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, the chief organizer of the socialist party in the Province of Québec, Mr. Rémy Trudel, says that his criteria for being in politics are: honesty, honesty, honesty.

Two of his assistants, also political organizers in Abitibi, Mr. Michel Lemyre and Mr. Donald Houle, use and encourage others to use, for their phone calls, the code number given to another honest socialist, whose life is transparent and beyond reproach.

Mr. Speaker, in the provincial political organization of the NDP, in Abitibi, not only the telephone code number of the Hon. Member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent) is being used, but its use is also encouraged.

This is a dishonest use of taxpayer money by the socialist party. Is that the honesty of the socialist chief? How is he going to explain that to the House, today?