

Northern Pipeline

might have a chance of getting some of the contracts; but there is no guarantee that the Japanese government will not intervene and subsidize the movement of pipe from Japan to the location of the pipeline. There is no guarantee there will not be that type of assistance by the government of Japan.

Are we going to sit idly by and watch that type of thing happen when we could be providing jobs in our own country? Are we going to sit by if they subsidize the ships that carry the steel over to Alaska? These are the things that could happen and may happen. This might not be such an hypothetical matter as hon. members think. It might very well happen, so why do we not put into this legislation while we are debating it a clause that will guarantee Canadian jobs on that pipeline, and guarantee for us that the steel that goes into the pipeline will be steel manufactured right here in our own country? Surely to God we have an unemployment crisis in Canada now that is serious enough to warrant having a "Canada first" clause in the bill. We should be buying Canadian goods and we should employ Canadians to build the pipeline that is going across our territory.

There are certain Conservatives who laugh and certain Conservatives who agree with me. I wish those Conservatives who agree with me would get up and speak. I wish also that those Liberals who are not continentalists but who have a little bit of Canadian nationalism would get up and speak in this debate. They are so interested in denouncing nationalism in the province of Quebec they denounce anything that looks nationalistic. I suggest that we have in this country a little bit more nationalism from coast to coast. Perhaps then this country would not be facing the problems we face today. We are such patsies we are willing to bend over and sell out anything we have in this country to the Americans or anyone else because of the power of the American dollar.

Mr. Rodriguez: Don't be pornographic.

Mr. Nystrom: The hon. member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez) is worried about my expression about bending over, but I think that is really what the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. MacEachen) did when he negotiated with the United States. When he bent over something happened, and what happened was not really attractive. It might have been more than just a swift kick that was administered to the Deputy Prime Minister. The legislation that is before the House does not give us these guarantees that are so important. I do not think it hurts us to exhibit some nationalism in this country from time to time. It is something we have lacked in the past.

The only response to that by the government opposite is to criticize the Québécois for expressing their nationalism. A lot of that nationalism was expressed in a positive sense. Perhaps that sense could have been channelled in a different way, if the government had shown leadership instead of letting the country be sold out in Quebec and elsewhere.

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I hope the Liberal government puts some teeth into this legislation in order to show Canadians that it is interested in

building a strong country. People must be shown that we are interested in building a strong, independent and united Canada. Instead, the government sits around being negative all the time and criticizing other people for expressing nationalism. I find it difficult to believe that younger members of the Liberal party can sit in that caucus and watch such a gutless government dealing with our American neighbours. It is not surprising that some senior members of that party can sit and laugh. They are part of the system. They have been brainwashed by being members of that party, and they sit idly by.

Jobs for Canadians is the number one concern, because approximately 1½ million Canadians are unemployed. Not only will this bill provide a lot of jobs in steel mill communities such as Hamilton, Sault Ste. Marie, Regina and places in Quebec, but there will be a backup in the system to provide mills which did not get contracts for the pipe with other contracts. Thus, there will be a stimulus for the entire steel industry. That stimulation will snowball throughout the entire Canadian economy, and will be of positive benefit to everyone. It will help the more depressed areas such as the Sudbury basin, portions of Quebec and the Atlantic provinces. I cannot grasp why the government does not get tougher and include a clause to guarantee Canadian jobs. I am sure the Americans would respect the Deputy Prime Minister if he did that. If the shoe was on the other foot, we could not expect any less from them.

As was indicated by the hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Leggett) a few moments ago, there is nothing in the bill to ensure that the Canadian government will not be roped into any financial involvement or obligation with respect to the construction of the pipeline. The government has indicated that there will be no commitments to bail out the company, to build any part of the pipeline, or to get involved in cost over-runs. I have heard that promise for many years in this country. When Expo was being planned, we received assurances that it would not cost Canadians any money. That was followed by the Olympics and Jean Drapeau. Once again we were told that the Olympics would pay for itself and would not be a cost to the taxpayers of Montreal and Quebec. As a result of the Olympic Games, the people of Montreal and Quebec are now paying a lot of money. It was a big project which cost a lot of money. I have seen very few projects in the world where the projected costs of the economists, architects and engineers actually turned out to be correct in the final analysis.

Apparently this project will cost approximately \$10 billion, but I am sure another 10 per cent to 20 per cent will be added to that by the time the pipeline is finished. Who will pay for that? I want a guarantee in this bill that Canadians will at no time assume responsibility for any cost over-runs or any error made by economists or engineers in their predictions. That is not too much to ask. The pipeline is being built as a favour to a good friend. It is nothing more than a bridge over Canada from one part of the United States to another. Being the good businessmen that they are, I am sure Americans would ask for the same thing if the tables were turned.