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evening. There is something wonderful about the spectacle of the members of the Opposition distancing themselves from industrial society.

The Member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton) talks about the need for alternate means of transport for Alaska oil, but it was his colleagues in the NDP who opposed a pipeline to transport that very oil which is now transported by tanker. Of course they have the luxury of never having to make difficult decisions about how to get Alaska oil to markets. They can be purer than pure, but their leader comes from a riding that earns its wealth from the production of gasoline burning automobiles. Are the NDP prepared to say to Bob White and his auto workers that they oppose the internal combustion engine because the transport of oil creates an environmental hazard?

The Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) takes equal advantage—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mrs. Campbell (Vancouver Centre): I am delighted to have awakened the Opposition from their torpor.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mrs. Campbell (Vancouver Centre): I wish they could have done the same for me.

The Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition takes equal advantage of the luxury of powerlessness, but he did not always have that luxury. He was a member of a Government that was so concerned with the provision of gasoline and heating oil to central Canada that it enforced a policy supported by the NDP that expropriated over \$1 billion in wealth in western provinces.

Would the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition be prepared to tell the people of central Canada that they cannot use natural gas or heating oil because of the perils involved in their transport are so high? I think not. We all live in an industrial society, and we collectively bear the responsibility of reconciling the imperatives of that society with the survival of our planet, but it is that responsibility which is embodied in the concept of sustainable development which is the foundation of our Government's commitment to environment in the Throne Speech.

As my colleague, the Associate Minister of Defence, has pointed out, that commitment in the Throne Speech is a very specific and constructive one. The Minister of the Environment has spoken of the honouring of Canada and of the Prime Minister by countries at The Hague conference on the environment. It is sad to see how partisanship can blind the Opposition to the genuine respect earned by our own country on this issue. This does not mean that we are perfect. It means that our efforts in technology and policy are admired around the world. Much reference is made in environmental circles these days to the Brundtland Report which defined the concept of sustainable development. No indoor station is of more value in environmental circles these days than the benediction of St. Brundtland of the environment. Yet Norway is the second worst polluter of the North Sea. Much of its wealth is earned by offshore drilling for oil. Mrs. Brundtland has given no indication that Norway plans to abandon this important economic activity.

Ms. Copps: You are in the wrong Parliament.

Mrs. Kim Campbell (Vancouver Centre): This is in no way to diminish the achievement of the Brundtland Report, but simply to point out that the task of translating environmental enlightenment into policy is not easy.

I think it is also unfortunate that members of the opposition seek to take ownership of concern on this issue. The concern is that of all British Columbians and of all Canadians. The Member for Skeena in his opening statement refers to the Nustuqua spill and its effect on Vancouver Island.

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No one has a monopoly on concern about that event. My family were pioneers on Vancouver Island. I am the fifth generation of my family to live there. The clients of my ministry have been there for hundreds of generations. I do not think there is any difference in the depth of our concern and our horror, and the sick feeling one has when looking at the effects of that oil spill on Vancouver Island.

I went to Vancouver Island to see the site of the oil spill. While I am not permitted to mention whether the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) is