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It is more telling to listen to the interventions of the hon. member from Scarborough south. There is an exponent of democracy. He too did not want to have the debate prolonged. He asked: "Why are we bothering with the debate? It was announced in the budget so why should we bother debating Bill C-76 or the particular amendments we are debating here?"

That statement is totally consistent with the hon. member's behaviour in legislative committee. The amendments with which we are now dealing concern the change in student loans. There are a number of changes but the key change is the elimination of the interest free period for students which lasts six months after graduation. Students in Saskatchewan have already mobilized 3,000 signatures to oppose this legislation and to ask the government to do a number of things. However this hon. member and his colleagues absolutely refuse to even entertain the notion that students should be heard. The hon. member from Scarborough south is so recently a graduate of the university system that he understands better than the students so why bother.

The serious question to be asked in this House is: does this government really regard itself, as apparently does the hon. member from Scarborough south, as an elected dictatorship which does not require that the opposition be involved at all? Does this government not think it necessary that the people be involved at all?

Mr. Kilgour: Mississauga.

Mr. McCurdy: That is right. He would not have known that I was talking about him. I am sorry about that. Mr. Speaker, I hope the record will show that it is Mississauga South. Mississauga South. Have I repeated it frequently enough? *Hansard* can correct that. I will sit down and have my remaining five minutes after Question Period.

Mr. Speaker: It being two o'clock, the House will now proceed to Statements by Members, pursuant to Standing Order 31.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[English]

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Mr. Dave Worthy (Cariboo—Chilcotin): I would like to congratulate the hon. Leader of the Opposition on finally coming out with policies that Canadians can discuss.

I must admit however that I along with many other Canadians wonder why his vision for the future means returning to the past. We have already spent 10 years formulating the GST. We have already negotiated two major trading agreements with the United States. Canadians do not want another decade of committees to reformulate and renegotiate policies that are already working.

Canadians want to look to the future. Do we see a vision of the emerging new Canada in the statements of the Leader of the Opposition? The answer is no. His policies remind me of the movie *Back to the Future*. It is unfortunate that his ideas for Canada are not as good as the movie. The party awaits—

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Winnipeg Transcona.

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CAMECO CORPORATION

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg Transcona): Mr. Speaker, the battlefields of the Persian Gulf are now quiet, but thanks in part to a Canadian Crown corporation they remain deadly to the Kuwaiti and Iraqi people.

Eldorado Resources Limited, a federal Crown corporation, merged with the Saskatchewan Mining and Development Corporation to form Cameco Corporation, which between 1988 and 1990 shipped uranium yellowcake to the Sequoyah Fuels Uranium Conversion Facility in Oklahoma. From there uranium tetra-fluoride was obtained by Aerojet Ordnance Tennessee and sent back into Canada to a Cameco refinery where it was made into depleted uranium metal. This metal was then sent to AOT to be manufactured into armour-piercing shells.