

*Speaker's Ruling***GOVERNMENT ORDERS**

• (1250)

[*Translation*]**PETRO-CANADA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACT**

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed, from Wednesday, October 10, consideration of the motion of Mr. McDermid that Bill C-84, an Act respecting the privatization of the national petroleum company of Canada, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

And on the amendment of Mr. Lee (p. 14001).

That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "That" and substituting the following therefor:

"this House oppose in principle Bill C-84, An Act respecting the privatization of the National Petroleum Company of Canada, because it considers it irresponsible to abandon public sector involvement in the Canadian petroleum industry in the absence of a coherent Canadian federal government energy policy at a time of increasing international uncertainty with regard to petroleum supply."

And on the amendment to the amendment of Mr. Harvey (p. 14010).

That the amendment be amended by adding the following words:

"and at a time when the development and wide dispersal of alternatives to traditional fossil fuel energy sources is an environmental necessity."

Mr. Vincent Della Noce (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I have been waiting for this opportunity for several years. Last night, when I was preparing my notes, I tried to figure how long it was since the last two elections, and in fact it was exactly six years, two months and fourteen days ago that I promised my constituents that under a Conservative government, Petro-Canada would be privatized.

Today, I am proud of the fact that as a member to be part of this Conservative government I was able to bring my ideas to this place and work for the well-being of my constituents in Laval, in the province of Quebec, on behalf of whom I intend to speak today. The others did a very good job, and my fellow members from Laval are not far away. Nevertheless, I am sure that I speak not only for myself and my constituents but also for the residents of Laval Centre and Laval West.

First of all, Mr. Speaker, I think we should proceed with the debate on the Petro-Canada privatization bill, Bill C-84.

In 1984, I had a small pamphlet in which I described my campaign promises. There were about ten. In 1988, during the second campaign, people would show me this pamphlet, saying: "One promise was not kept; you made us a promise you didn't keep". It was the promise to privatize Petro-Canada. The only answer I could give them was to say, quite honestly: "Don't worry, we are working on it".

Well, today, Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be able to rise in the House and tell my constituents in Laval: "We did it"! To the retailers I had the privilege to represent during the past 20 years, I want to say that Petro-Canada was a real problem for us. It was really unacceptable that the Liberals should create this corporation with our money, to compete with us. That really took the cake.

I had a poster which goes back to the last announcement made by former Minister of Energy Marc Lalonde in Montreal, on October 24, 1981.

An hon. member: Father Superior!

Mr. Della Noce: He was the father of Energy Canada. If he were still here today, with his ideas, and if the Progressive Conservative Party had not changed the National Energy Program, we might be paying as much as \$117 or \$120 a barrel for oil. Imagine what it would cost at the pump!

This government did what it had to do. It got rid of the National Energy Program. And since that time, we are paying world prices. Considering what is happening in the Persian Gulf, we may not be necessarily happy about it, and this may not be the right time to talk about prices, but I think it would take more than one war to reach Mr. Lalonde's price of \$117 or \$120 a barrel, the price he forecast for the 90s.

This photograph, Mr. Speaker, which I am willing to table in the House, brings back some very unpleasant memories. It was on the wall of my office in one of my service stations in Laval. I asked my employees to leave it in the building. What a nightmare, Mr. Speaker! What a nightmare for consumers. What a nightmare for retailers. What a shock for Quebecers when they saw this photograph in the Montreal newspaper *La Presse* on