

the federal government joined with the provinces to salvage this massive project. This bill provides the government with authority to provide international prices in respect to other major projects such as the expansion of GCOS, tar sands number three, such as the Cold Lake heavy oil project, a Saskatchewan heavy oil project and another Alberta heavy oil project. That is an important part of a series of measures. The other two measures are well known to those who have followed government policy in the area. I refer to the package of incentives which was tabled before the House on budget night, barely a week ago, and the other intention of the government to increase the throughput of the Sarnia-Montreal pipeline by 100,000 barrels a day.

That surely is a clear signal to producers out west and governments there that this government wants to move western oil into eastern markets, along with other measures we have taken, to reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

I said I would take five minutes, Mr. Speaker, and I thank you for the time.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. member for Medicine Hat.

Mr. Bert Hargrave (Medicine Hat): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Gillespie: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. Actually, when I did intervene to request unanimous consent I mentioned that the minister on third reading did not have the right of reply, which would automatically close the debate, but in requesting unanimous consent I used the words "allow the minister to close the debate". I do not think I was right. I was more or less allowing the minister to intervene a second time. I know the hon. member for Medicine Hat has just come in by plane and wants to say a few words. I think he should be allowed to do so. The rule does not provide for any minister to close the debate on third reading.

Mr. Gillespie: On the same point of order, Mr. Speaker, I do not want to make life difficult for anybody and I would, of course, be interested in the remarks of the hon. member, but I did enter the debate on the understanding I would be closing the debate, and on the further understanding that agreement had been reached by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Munro) and his colleagues opposite in respect of another bill that is to be concluded this evening. If it is possible to hear the hon. member and still make good on those understandings, I think it would be in order and I would be prepared to withdraw any concern I have already expressed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. It is my feeling that the minister is just using up time that could be very useful in achieving that purpose.

Mr. Hargrave: Mr. Speaker, I can assure you and the minister that I will require only a very few minutes. As Mr. Speaker indicated, I have only just returned to the House. I have specific comments to make regarding recent production

of some heavy crude in the Suffield area, which is totally within my federal constituency of Medicine Hat.

The minister may recall that when he opened the third reading debate he commented on the application of this bill to the products of Syncrude, as they come on stream, as well as to other heavy crude products. The specific remark I was interested in had reference to other sources of heavy crude, mainly in Alberta, such as additional production by Great Canadian Oil Sands, the Shell consortium, the Cold Lake project, Pacific Petroleum and other heavy oil projects. I want to draw the minister's attention to the fact that quite recently there have been a number of wells brought into production in the northwest corner of the Suffield military reserve. They are producing a heavy crude somewhat similar to the Lloydminster crude.

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After the minister was through speaking at the beginning of this third reading debate, I asked him whether or not these heavy crudes that are being produced in the southwest corner of Suffield might come under the terms of this bill. The minister indicated that they were not included but that perhaps they could be by negotiation, if I recall the minister's remarks correctly. This is the whole point and purpose of my remarks now, that provision for that new producing heavy crude field—it may be rather small right now but indications are that it will grow—be included in this bill.

I would also point out that in the recent energy update manual that his department put out it was indicated that the costs of drilling and producing wells in that part of Alberta are only a fraction of what the costs are in some of the other areas. Surely this should be an added incentive for bringing this kind of oil producing well into production.

That is all that I wish to say at this time. My hope is that that heavy crude that is now being produced in the Suffield area northwest of Medicine Hat comes under the terms of this bill.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

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CANADIAN CENTRE FOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT

MEASURE TO ESTABLISH MEDICAL INSTITUTE

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour) moved that Bill C-35, to establish the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I understand that—

Mr. Peters: Mr. Speaker, I understand that this bill is to be referred to the committee of the whole House.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I did not hear what the hon. member was saying.