

*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*

the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion is always interested in the remarks of Mr. Walter Gordon. Indeed, he approves in general of Mr. Gordon's views. I was on the same plane as Mr. Gordon when he went to Moose Jaw. I do not think he made his main speech in Regina. It was at least close to the hon. member's constituency.

The Proctor and Gamble Co. of Canada is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Proctor and Gamble of Cincinnati, Ohio. Its project at Grande Prairie was based, in the first place, on its being the company to which the province of Alberta granted the necessary timber cutting rights. Any Canadian company proposing a similar project would certainly have been given the same consideration of the need for an incentive in order to create new employment.

Other aspects of the hon. member's question ought to be answered in the following way. The agreement with Proctor and Gamble requires the company to comply with all the terms and conditions of the Regional Development Incentives Act and regulations. This legislation provides no authority for the government to take an equity position in the operation, nor for government representation on the board of directors.

I share with the hon. member the hope that the Canada Development Corporation, which Parliament is in the

process of creating, will provide opportunities for Canadian participation in projects of this kind in the future. However, it is only fair to say from the perspective of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion that the department cannot make distinctions and insist upon conditions more onerous in the designated regions than are applied elsewhere in Canada. If, for example, they did so in terms of equity or representation, it would work against the mandate that Parliament has laid upon it to foster economic expansion, employment opportunities and social adjustment in the designated regions.

An over-all policy with respect to foreign investment is required. The Canada Development Corporation, as an instrument of that policy, might well mean that we will be approaching a different future with respect to economic development of this kind. I do not share the disdain of the hon. member—with regard to the kind of employment being developed in the northern forest areas. I cannot simply call it employment of hewers of wood and drawers of water.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.20 p.m.

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