

are asking, "Where is the money being spent?" We asked for help with productive projects. Before I came to this House my predecessor who represented Assiniboia had been working toward the extension of the runway at the airport at Estevan. I worked toward that extension and made submissions to the Minister of Transport (Mr. Pepin). We have been turned down again and again on that project. There are aeroplanes coming in to service the oil wells and coal production in that area. The request of that particular community was turned down. We asked for \$200,000.

I have figures in front of me regarding the money spent on Mirabel airport. The original approved cost was to be \$212,247,000. The final cost turned out to be \$371,276,000. There was a cost overrun of \$159 million, or 74 per cent. This is the way this government has been spending money.

The people of my constituency and the people of western Canada are very, very concerned about the excess spending that has been going on here in Ottawa by big government. That leads me to another question. It is all right to accuse someone of excess spending, but we must also come up with some answers. How can we solve the problem? One of the major problems Canada faces today is that we have priced ourselves out of the world market under the socialistic direction the Prime Minister of Canada has taken.

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One of the members across the way laughs. I should like to read the words the right hon. Prime Minister wrote in 1961 which appeared in a book entitled "Practice and Theory of Federalism":

If the whole of the Canadian electorate could miraculously be converted to socialist ideals at one fell swoop, there would be no reason to discuss strategy in the present context. Socialism would be achieved with or without federalism, and socialist administrations would be installed at every level of government affairs, no matter the form of the constitution.

The Prime Minister of Canada—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** Order, please. I was simply indicating to the hon. member that it is now five o'clock and I wanted to give him the opportunity to complete his sentence. Otherwise I will recognize him at eight o'clock when the House resumes debate on Bill C-30.

It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed in today's order paper, namely, private bills, notices of motions (papers), public bills.

[English]

### PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** Shall item No. 1 on the order paper, in the name of the hon. member for Leeds-Grenville (Mr. Cossitt), stand by unanimous consent?

### *Candu Reactor Sales*

**Mr. Herbert:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. This item was placed on the order paper as a notice of motion for the production of papers on April 14. It was transferred for debate on June 4. If the member is serious, he should be prepared for debate. So I give the first notice of my intention to raise the matter at the next time of calling.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** Is the Chair to understand from the comments of the hon. member that he is not going to deny unanimous consent at this point to the suggestion that the item stand? Is that correct?

**Mr. Herbert:** I am putting my objection at this time, which means it will require unanimous consent at the next time of calling.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker):** That is understood. The next item is item No. 19, in the name of the hon. member for Richmond-South Delta (Mr. Siddon). Shall the item stand by unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

### SALES OF CANDU REACTORS

**Mr. Hal Herbert (Vaudreuil)** moved:

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House copies of all correspondence, notes, minutes of meetings and other communications between the government and senior officials of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited during the months of June, July, August and September, 1979, that pertain to the negotiation of the sales of Candu reactors either by AECL or by any private company acting with the authority or knowledge of AECL.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I do not intend to speak for very long. This motion was transferred yesterday. It is a repeat of an identical motion which I placed on the order paper in the last Parliament on November 8, 1979. The motion arose from a complaint of a constituent who represents and works for a company which is interested in international trade, which is working in the export business, particularly in the field of nuclear reactors, nuclear equipment and allied equipment.

The complaint of the constituent was that in this period to which the motion refers there was, in his opinion, direct interference by the government of the day in Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, the result of which was to ensure that there would be no communication between private companies interested in furthering sales and the representatives of the government who were interested in making purchases.

When I look at the make-up of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, I find that its objectives are, among others:

To participate in the development of a viable Canadian nuclear industry through the development and marketing of nuclear power systems, components, materials, equipment, technology, medical and industrial isotopes, irradiators and related products.

They are also:

To ensure an adequate supply of heavy water to meet domestic and export needs of the Candu system.