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I should like to shift to the shifty Minister of Finance and ask him a question, Mr. Speaker. Will he confirm that out of a total of a \$90 billion increase in oil revenues that is going to come as a result of last night's budget, less than 2 per cent will go to the energy bank, while some \$73 billion will go to the multinational oil companies and the province of Alberta? If so, will he explain why Canadians from coast to coast are being gouged to provide such a small sum for an energy bank but are bankrolling the multinationals in the province of Alberta?

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, what a simplistic approach to problems the Leader of the New Democratic Party has! As the budget document shows, if there are certain oil and gas price increases which are outlined in the budget over the next four years, it shows how much of that will go to the provincial governments, how much to the industry and how much to the federal government. I think it is \$17 billion to the federal government, \$33 billion to industry and a larger figure to the provincial governments.

Of the amount that comes to the Government of Canada, all of the \$17 billion will be spent on energy projects in Canada, conservation projects, home insulation programs, oil furnace retrofit programs, assistance to the Atlantic provinces because of their high dependence on oil-generated electricity, assistance for hydro projects like the Lower Churchill project in Newfoundland, assistance for gas pipelines like the gas pipeline to the maritime provinces, and assistance for projects that will help Canada and the people of Canada all over this country. That is what it will be used for.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

EQUALIZATION PAYMENTS TO ONTARIO RESULTING FROM BUDGET—LOSS OF JOBS

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): A final supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. It is still 2 per cent for the energy fund and \$73 billion for the multinationals. The minister could try again, Mr. Speaker. Will he confirm the figure used by a cabinet minister in the Ontario government when he said last night that in 1980 alone, as a consequence of the oil price increases forced on the people of Canada by this government, Ontario will lose some 20,000 jobs? Will the Minister of Finance confirm that figure?

Will he also confirm that, as a result of the policy of oil price increases of this magnitude, hundreds of millions of dollars in the next few years will have to be paid out to the province of Ontario in equalization payments as a result of the unprecedented attack by this government on the industrial core of Canada?

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I will not confirm anything of the sort. First, with reference to the industry and the \$33 billion that they will get over a four-year period, they will invest that in tar sands plants costing \$5 billion each, in heavy oil plants costing \$4 billion or

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\$5 billion. There are billions and billions of dollars of projects for them to invest those funds in. If they do not invest their funds in those projects, then we will review their activities. But we know that they will.

As for Ontario, I will confirm, Mr. Speaker, that Ontario will rise with stronger industrial plant and capacity than ever after the next two or three years as we go gradually up in oil and gas prices. We have pledged to Ontario that we are not going to exceed 85 per cent of the U.S. or international price, whichever is the lower. The official opposition was going to go to 100 per cent, but we are only going to go to 85 per cent in the interests of Ontario and the rest of Canada.

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AGRICULTURE

INQUIRY WHETHER MINISTER WILL BE ALLOWED TO ISSUE POULTRY IMPORT PERMITS

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the hon. Minister of Agriculture.

According to our information, the Maple Lodge corporation of Toronto has requested and obtained an additional import permit of over 1,760,000 pounds of poultry for 1979. Could the Minister of Agriculture confirm this and advise the House whether he will continue to allow chicken imports permits to be issued by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce?

[English]

Hon. John Wise (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, in response to the hon. member's question, it is true that some weeks ago an application was made by a particular processing firm for a supplementary permit. The Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce did contact the national agency. The national agency, in turn, contacted its provincial counterparts. They were able to secure about half the amount of product that that particular processing plant wanted from Canadian sources, and a supplementary permit was issued. However, since that time a number of applications have been received from that processor.

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My colleague, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and I have appointed a committee which is made up of a cross-section of the industry. We have said publicly that no further supplementary permits would be issued to any processor in Canada without the approval of that committee.

[Translation]

FLOODING OF QUEBEC MARKET WITH POULTRY—MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO PROTECT PRODUCERS

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a supplementary. In allotting the quotas, a certain percentage was set for Ontario, another for Quebec and so on for the