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Where are the cumulative impact studies for Alberta, for British Columbia, and for the other provinces? With 40 per cent of the marine pollution in Canada coming from that one sector, and the government continues to promise clean-up, continues to promise all kinds of things, but never bothers to talk about the fact that there is already a closed loop technology for the pulping industry. Where is some leadership on that, some kind of support for those who have to draw their water from those areas?

In British Columbia the Kemano II project was exempted by Order in Council. Five ministers of fisheries in a row, including the present Speaker, promised that there would be a full public inquiry and a complete environmental assessment and review. In writing the present Prime Minister promised the people of British Columbia there would be a full public inquiry and environmental assessment.

Was there one? No. This government's word, this Prime Minister's word is not worth the paper that it is written on. It is not worth the amount of time it takes for Canadians to listen to the promises made by this Conservative Party and this Prime Minister.

I rest my case, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Benno Friesen (Parliamentary Secretary to Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, the member has talked about job loss in British Columbia. His riding is one that has a lot of rain forest in it. I think all members knows that. The Western Canada Wilderness Committee has said that its stated goal is to stop all logging activity in the rain forest.

Does the member support that goal of the Western Canada Wilderness Committee?

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Speaker, as is often the case with that particular member, he misstates not only the positions of other groups and other parties; he quite often misstates his own position.

Mr. Friesen: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, first of all that statement is out of order and, second, I quoted accurately the statement of the Western Canada Wilderness Committee.

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Speaker, it is worth taking a look at the forest sector in British Columbia, because here is a member on the government side who condemned previous federal governments for spending less than 10 cents out of a dollar taken in revenue from the workers and the industry and putting it back into replanting. This is the government that is offering only \$100 million for a five-year forest renewal agreement, when the provincial government wanted to go for a \$1 billion five-year agreement and then a \$700 million agreement.

By cutting back on the amount of funds available to a province such as British Columbia, where about half of the forest related activity in this country takes place, means that there is going to have to be reduction in the cut in the province of British Columbia. Even people like Dr. Pearce from the University of British Columbia now admit that to be the case.

What has happened is that as the cutting of the old growth forest in British Columbia has gone from 50 million cubic metres a year to more than 100 million cubic metres a year and the profits of the large integrated forest companies have almost doubled, we have seen a reduction of almost a third of the organized labour working in that sector.

It is quite clear, if the member would like to read the vote that was taken in his own majority Conservative forestry committee of this Parliament, it endorses the setting aside of 12 per cent of all of the forests and all of the watersheds on Vancouver Island and throughout this country. He might want to read his own government supported policy on forestry as it relates to British Columbia.

Mrs. Shirley Maheu (Saint-Laurent—Cartierville): Mr. Speaker, during his presentation the hon. member for Skeena said: "Who is kidding whom". I would like to ask the hon. member for Skeena about who is kidding whom.

You talk a very good story You talk about many things, but you do not talk about this country. You like to blame the premier. Mind you, I agree they have almost destroyed this country but, for your sake and from your side, what about members of your party who are also working for the destruction of Canada and the separation of a province that I represent?