

to my constituents in the Province of British Columbia? A report by the Department of the Environment and the Department of Transport indicates that the service aspect surrounding this activity at the retail level in British Columbia alone amounts to \$75 million a year, and \$38 million in Vancouver. The minister is interfering with this type of cash flow from one activity in the Province of British Columbia. In my opinion this tax cannot be justified on the basis of additional revenue to the treasury, particularly when we have these other areas of waste that need tightening up.

The tax burden on the Canadian work force, particularly the middle-income earner, is already too heavy. It was Lenin who told us how to destroy the middle class; by grinding them between the two millstones of inflation and taxation. It really surprises me that a minister of this calibre would assist in furthering this type of political ideology. Is there no fun to be had by the working force of this country? Is there to be no leisure after a good hard season's work? Is there to be no play? The minister is removing this aspect of a climate that has taken years to create in our post-war reconstruction. For those who work hard and play their full part in the productive life of the nation this seems to be a part of the bleak future, this negative type of legislation.

We seem to have developed a welfare syndrome in this country. We take from those who save and give to those who spend. There are members of many families in this country for four generations who are on welfare. Why do we not spend money to correct this instead of bringing in legislative items that are negative in respect of productive industries paying taxes to help to fill the coffers of the country?

The reference by the minister to conservation of diminishing energy resources is the one that really got to me. We are dealing with two segments here, one that accounts for one-third of one per cent of total energy consumption in Canada, the other accounting for less than one-quarter of one per cent. I refer to private aircraft and boats. This is the first direct and supposedly meaningful measure of conservation the government has been able to offer.

If we are to have any meaningful measure to conserve our non-renewable energy resources we must lift the cost of energy in this country to the North American level. We must begin to conserve energy used in heating buildings. We must advocate extra insulation in the ceiling and walls of buildings, thermopane windows, and a consciousness of the fuel consumed by the car we drive down the highway. We must think in terms of vehicles that attain six to 12 miles to the gallon rather than those that attain 15 to 40 miles to the gallon. By picking on this one isolated area involving 350,000 people in the Province of British Columbia we are imposing on a minority who are working hard to enjoy the better life available in Canada.

Today we are losing about one-third of our produced electrical energy used in plants through the use of inefficient motors. If we increase the cost of energy in this country these plants would be able to justify the capital cost of installing more efficient energy using equipment. We would also improve the efficiency of energy consumption in our buildings. In this way we would have a mean-

ingful form of leadership in respect of conserving non-renewable energy sources.

The Deputy Chairman: Order, please. I regret to interrupt the hon. member, but it being four o'clock it is my duty to rise, report progress and request leave to consider the bill again at the next sitting of the House.

Progress reported.

Economic Study Group

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

CREATION OF ECONOMIC STUDY GROUP

TABLING OF LIST OF ADVISERS

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, I will ask for the unanimous consent of the House to table a document namely a list of advisers, on behalf of the right hon. Prime Minister.

[*English*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): The House has heard the request of the minister that we revert to motions. Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the House would be agreeable to having this list printed as an appendix to today's *Hansard*.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): Is it agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[*Editor's note: For list referred to above see Appendix A*]

● (1600)

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): It being four o'clock the House will now proceed to the consideration of private member's business as listed on today's order paper, namely, public bills, notices of motions, private bills.

Mr. Lefebvre: Mr. Speaker, I think you will find there is unanimous agreement today to study private member's bill No. C-209, in the name of the hon. member for Saint-Denis (Mr. Prud'homme). Further conversations have been held in the usual manner and there is also general agreement, after a short debate, to let the subject matter of this bill go to committee.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Penner): Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.