

**Mr. Deans:** Unfortunately, however, the United States government has already entered into negotiations and has received commitments from manufacturers in Europe and Japan for the manufacturing of vehicles in the United States. The minister is much too slow off the mark.

When can we expect to hear from the hon. minister exactly what kind of commitments have been obtained by this government to protect Canadian jobs in the auto field?

**Mr. Gray:** Madam Speaker, as usual the NDP is desperately trying to play catch-up in attempting to match our present efforts on behalf of Canadian workers.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Gray:** I have already reported to the House on our considerable efforts to obtain our fair share in both parts and motor vehicle manufacturing in Canada. In fact, when we begin, hopefully at the end of this month, our formal consultations with the United States on the auto pact, we will be discussing with them a common framework for dealing with the matter of third country imports, particularly from Japan.

I want to assure the House that this matter continues to have my highest priority. I welcome the support of members of the NDP, even though they have been rather late in recognizing this priority matter when it comes to the interests of Canadian workers.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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**Mr. Deans:** Madam Speaker, the minister reminds me of Gerald Bouey: he waits for the U.S. to do something. Is it the minister's intention to hope to latch on to the end results of the negotiations between the United States and the foreign car manufacturers, or does he intend to initiate any action on his own in an effort to protect the Canadian economy and to provide job opportunities not only for workers who are unemployed but for people right across the country?

**Mr. Gray:** Madam Speaker, if my hon. friend had listened as carefully as he talks loudly, he would have heard that we are taking our own, independent action to protect the interests of Canadian workers and Canadian communities.

I have already said to the House that I raised this matter directly with Prime Minister Ohira of Japan, as well as with his minister of finance. I have called in the Japanese ambassador to insist that Canadian interests be taken into account with regard to Japanese investment in the automotive industry in North America. I will be going directly to Japan to talk personally with the new government and with heads of the automotive companies. I thought I had made this all very clear. I am sorry that my hon. friend, as I said, is more interested in making loud talk than listening carefully to our constructive action to help Canadian workers.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

### Oral Questions

#### ENERGY

##### INVESTMENT ENERGY PROJECTS—CREATION OF JOBS— AGREEMENT WITH ALBERTA

**Hon. David Crombie (Rosedale):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and it also concerns the area of jobs. The minister is aware that investment in energy projects in this country in the 1980s is projected to create approximately 350,000 jobs. That means a great deal to people in the province of Ontario as well as to people in other industrialized areas of the country.

I was hoping that the minister might be able to commit to the House today his intention to achieve an agreement with Alberta by the end of this month so that those jobs can be created.

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Madam Speaker, I would hope to achieve an agreement by the end of this week, but it takes two or three people to make an agreement.

**Mr. Andre:** You cancelled the meeting.

##### DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINISTER OF EMPLOYMENT ON JOB CREATION

**Hon. David Crombie (Rosedale):** Madam Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration.

Since these jobs which will arise, from investment in energy, throughout the 1980s amount to 350,000 industrial jobs, has the Minister of Employment and Immigration had any discussions whatsoever with the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources regarding these jobs, and where do they fit in with respect to the minister's own projections for job creation over the next five years?

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Madam Speaker, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and myself have a variety of conversations about a variety of topics, including the question of how the investment of the federal government in the past, present and in the future will aid substantially in creating jobs in this country.

We are in pitch with our own priorities and our own targets. We want to use many of the major resource projects that are being planned to incorporate, enlist and recruit the labour available in this country that is not being used, particularly women and native people. That is part of the reason we established the kind of training programs which I announced on Monday.

##### PROJECTED PRICE INCREASES FOR CRUDE OIL

**Hon. Sinclair Stevens (York-Peel):** Madam Speaker my question is to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. As a member who comes from a consuming province as far as energy products are concerned, I was rather startled to hear