

that under the Constitution the resources rest with the provinces. However, for some unknown reason, the Government has decided that that is not a fact, that the resources rest with the Government of Canada. It has decided that they rest with the Government of Canada, not with the people of Canada. The people of Canada are paying the price, and the Government of Canada is collecting the money. It is allocating those funds as it sees fit. This is unacceptable to us.

They tell us what a bonanza it has been for Canada. I am afraid that out West it is a disaster. The Province of Alberta had no unemployment at the time the National Energy Program came in. Today, droves of people have left and returned to Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes. Those people are so discouraged that they would never go out West again. They were hurt by the National Energy Program. Not only the West was hurt by the National Energy Program, but the Province of Ontario was hurt as well. There was a ripple effect about which I spoke on April 23, 1982. At that time I indicated the ripple effects which would result, and they have happened. I talked about the building of compressors in Quebec and the building of pipe in Ontario. That whole group of industries went down.

What would it have done to the steel industry if they had proceeded with two or three megaprojects? What would it have done to Ontario? I admit that in my riding at the present time things are pretty good. It has a very low unemployment ratio. The reason for it is that the Americans finally picked the right car to produce at the right time. General Motors is now building a big car which is in great demand in the United States. We are lucky, but not as a result of planning by the Government. It is as a result of the planning of General Motors.

I think it is very important to indicate that the petrochemical industry in Canada is suffering. It is really hurting. The report is out now that we must have a 15 per cent cut in the cost of gas. Instead of making a cut the federal Government, being big boys, decided to give \$50 million to Petrosar. To Petrosar that was nothing more than a sop, a band-aid. It does not solve their problem. How many \$50 million hand outs are they going to give as opposed to cutting the cost of that gas by 15 per cent?

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I will wind this up, Mr. Speaker, but I would like to point out that in Saskatchewan there are billions of cubic metres of gas locked in, and western gas producers would love to be selling that at a much reduced cost. Because of this Government and its taxes, they cannot sell it at a reasonable level to allow the petrochemical industry to survive in Canada.

Mr. Speaker: I believe the rules provide for a ten minute question and answer period. Are there Hon. Members rising to ask questions or make short comments?

Mr. Hovdebo: Mr. Speaker, I wanted to comment on the suggestion of the Hon. Member for Ontario and his support in defence of the Seven Sisters and the multinationals generally.

Petroleum and Gas

The definition of multinationals is that they are corporations that use your money to buy you. That is exactly what the oil companies have done in Canada. Over the years the industry has taken out of Canada \$1.25 for every 25 cents it has put in. That does not include the money they have invested in Canada which they earned in Canada. It is the amount they brought in originally or brought in at various times. They have been using our money to buy us. They continue to do that.

This Bill is a good example of the multinationals, in this case the oil companies, being allowed to buy us out. Under this Bill we give them another one point something per cent which they can use to reinvest. In the process of reinvesting, they continue to increase their ownership of the oil industry in Canada. Will the Hon. Member for Ontario comment on that?

Mr. Fennell: Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to comment on that because there are so many inaccuracies. That gentleman and his Party "represent labour" in eastern Canada. I believe that I do a better job of representing labour. It is the multinationals that have created jobs for Canadians, particularly union jobs.

With regard to the Hon. Member's comment that they take out \$1.25 for every 25 cents they put in, that is nonsense. I will use Imperial Oil as an example. Part of Imperial Oil is held by every major pension fund in Canada. It is the future of people's needs in their retirement. Beyond that, they paid a fair return on money they borrowed in Canada. That has been a revenue cash base brought into Canada. It forms part of the tax receipts the Government takes in. The Hon. Member does not understand economics. He should study the Japanese model. They encourage foreign technology coming into their country. They know they must have it to keep their people working. We should be encouraging foreign technology to come in now because we are so far behind. It would create jobs. The critical problem in Canada today is that there are 1.5 million people unemployed. Until we can resolve that problem, we had better encourage every nickel and dime we can get from anywhere in the world to create jobs in Canada.

The Hon. Member had better go back and look at his statistics a little more carefully before talking about the amount that goes in and the amount that goes out. It is inaccurate, not factual and is misleading to the Canadian public.

Mr. Althouse: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Hon. Member who just spoke would give us an indication based on the fact that approximately 54 per cent of last year's Canadian production was from old oil, pre-1974 oil and was produced at about 82 per cent of world price, on average. The other 46 per cent of our Canadian oil was produced at world price. How does the Hon. Member propose to deal with the problem of price? His remarks sounded as though he were prepared to go to world price for all oil. Is that what he means? Did he mean what he seemed to be saying? How does he propose to explain to Canadians the extra 9 per cent or 10 per cent that would be required to cover this extra cost so that all oil produced in Canada could be produced at a low price?