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that will address and respond to those very real concerns of people who live in a one-industry town, many of which are mining towns.

Mr. McDermid: Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Minister of State for Mines (Mr. Layton) on his first speech in the House. It was very enlightening.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. McDermid: I have a couple of comments on the energy agreement. Some figures as to job creation have been thrown around. The figure has been mentioned somewhere of from 100,000 to 300,000 jobs. All of these estimates have come from the private sector, from groups other than within Government which have taken a look at the impact on the National Energy Program and said that somewhere in this range job creation will happen. The Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Miss Carney) has been quoting those figures. I think the impact of the agreement will be very significant.

There is one other area of both energy agreements which has not had the attention paid to it that it should have. I am speaking of the unifying force which these agreements have had for everyone across Canada. Over the last 15 years we know that the Prime Minister of this country has loved a good fight. He was an antagonist. He was a pugilist. We have seen Newfoundland argue and disagree with the previous administration. We have seen the West argue, and we have seen Ontario disagree with everybody. We have seen Quebec upset about various agreements. It is interesting to note that the

agreements which have been signed have had a unifying force from coast to coast.

I know the Hon. Member is very interested in this subject because it is something about which he has talked over the many, many years he has served in private and public life. I would like him to comment on the unifying side of these agreements and what is going on in Canada today.

Mr. Layton: Mr. Speaker, I am happy to respond to my colleague, the Hon. Member for Brampton-Georgetown (Mr. McDermid). Certainly in all of the discussions in which I have been privileged to share during the past months as Minister of State for Mines there is a sense of renewed goodwill. Confidence in Canada extends from one coast to the other. I made my very first visit to Newfoundland and I was pleased with the warmth that came from that province. This feeling applies right across the country to the West Coast. My colleague, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, is also very much at home there.

I would like to conclude and to wish all my colleagues a happy Easter.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being six o'clock, it is my duty to inform the House that, pursuant to Standing Order 62(11), proceedings on the motion have expired.

Pursuant to Standing Order 3, this House stands adjourned until Monday, April 15, 1985 at eleven o'clock pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At 6 p.m. the House adjourned.
