

something and 99 per cent is owned by industry outside our borders, it is hard for the government to plan jobs for Canadians in an industry over which it has no control. Foreign companies take advantage of our people and resources and export our jobs, because if the money leaves our country then the jobs will leave our country.

We feel that in order to have a program to increase employment and decrease unemployment, the government must look at all the areas of the petroleum industry and increase the Canadian content therein. It must look at exploration, refining, and wholesale and retail sale of petroleum products within the country. In the area of exploration of petroleum products, Canadians must be involved in the industry, because we cannot rely on the information which is presently available.

What I am about to say may deviate somewhat from the bill, but it is a very important part of the economic and industrial strategy that should be used to overcome the unemployment problem. In the past the information we received was not relevant to our planning needs to keep Canadians working. For example, I believe it was the annual report of Esso in 1973 which said, "Don't worry, Canadians; we have enough gas and oil to last us for hundreds of years". I believe that the figure used was 298 years. However, in 1975 the same company told us that we are in an energy crisis, that it must be given more money so that it can go out and look for more gas and oil. Is that the kind of information we need?

If what Imperial Oil said in 1975 was truer than what it said in 1973, then the company miscalculated by 296 years. We cannot plan jobs for Canadian people if we must rely on poor information such as Imperial Oil gave us. As I mentioned earlier, Petro-Canada should be involved in the area of refining. We should gain some control over the refining industry, which was 99 per cent foreign owned in 1978, and the ratio is not much better now. Such a move would create hundreds of thousands of jobs for Canadians. We must get Petro-Canada involved in the refining industry.

We also feel that the wholesale sale of petroleum products is a very important part of Petro-Canada's role in providing jobs for Canadians. This can only be done by a Canadian company which has the interest of Canadians at heart and does not operate on the profit motive alone. The reason we think that wholesale sales are very important is that when the true energy crunch comes, which will in fact come some day—we do not know when because we do not have that sound information yet—the foreign owned multinationals will not sell to the little service stations at Uranium City, Beauval, Canoe Narrows, Meadow Lake or Burnaby. They will sell where they can get maximum profits, such as their own service stations in the larger centres or, even worse, to other countries which have no gas and oil left.

These oil companies will sell to these countries for the highest possible dollar which these countries will be willing to pay, because they have no remaining gas and oil, and they will distribute their petroleum products in an inequitable fashion. It is necessary for Petro-Canada to become involved in the wholesale sale of petroleum products, so that we can assure

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Canadians of a supply of petroleum in the future as long as the supply lasts. With such control we could also assure Canadians in remote areas of the country or even in the metropolitan areas, that they will in fact have energy supplies to get to their jobs and to keep them under the 4 per cent unemployment rate that should be available to Canadians, not rates which run up to 30 per cent.

The final item I would like to mention with regard to Petro-Canada is involvement in the petroleum industry retail sector. The reason that Petro-Canada should be involved in this sector is because when Canadians pull up to the pumps on the way to the jobs which they should have they would have a choice to buy either Canadian and keep their money within Canada, or to buy from one of the large multinational corporations and have their money leave the country, which amounts to the exporting of jobs.

When the money is sent out of the country, instead of being kept here, it is the same as sending jobs outside Canada, jobs which we need here at home to keep us under the 4 per cent employment rate. I am sure that the employers and the employees would be happy to pay for it. The choice is very clear. Canadians should be able to buy from Petro-Canada, a Canadian owned Crown corporation established in the interests of the Canadian people, the Co-op Stations which are currently 100 per cent Canadian owned, or from a multinational, but in doing the latter they will only help to worsen the economy of this country. That should be the choice. That is the area on which I want to talk with regard to the energy supplies of this country. Unemployment in this country is a disgrace. People who have the ability to pay are not the ones who pay. The rich should pay, not the poor small business people who are the backbone of the Canadian economy.

Mr. Paproski: A Marxist-Leninist.

Mr. Anguish: I was looking for some attention from the Conservatives, Mr. Speaker, so it would give some stimulation and allow me to go on to make the full thrust of my speech meaningful.

Mr. Colletette: Speak to the bill.

Mr. Anguish: The small business people are the backbone of this country. It is the working people or the wage earners who make them a viable operation. The NDP is the only sound spokesmen, spokesperson or spokespersons for the small business of this country.

Mr. Paproski: A Marxist-Leninist.

Mr. Anguish: The hon. member for the Conservative party is making remarks which I believe are unparliamentary, Mr. Speaker. Will you not call to order the three members of that party who are sitting in the House and using slanderous language, and who do not know what they are talking about? They are much closer to the Communist party than the Marxist-Leninist are to the NDP. I have explained that in previous speeches I have made to this House. I am glad that the Conservative member brought the matter up. I would like