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1 think it's something our province should address because
2 it's where we're going to go as a Province.

3 You and I both know Allan J. very, very well. And
4 you know he spent a lot of his grown life serving the
5 public. And he -- I may not agree with every penny he
6 spent and where he spent it, but I don't think any
7 political party would disagree with his commitment to
8 social justice and his commitment to the people in Nova
9 Scotia, and especially in the area he came from.

10 You know, if it wasn't for him, we wouldn't have
11 DEVCO. In all of those years when they needed another
12 200 million or 100 million or 300 million or 400 million,
13 he got it. And believe me, there was all kinds of
14 pressure in Ottawa not to give it. And believe me, there
15 was Cabinets that -- no one in Cabinet wanted to do it.
16 But he had that kind of clout. He was able to get it.

17 Well, in 1979, about 12 years prior to this
18 explosion, there was a methane explosion there, and 12
19 people lost their lives. And I looked at what people
20 said then. I looked at what politicians said then. I
21 look at what the press said then. And you and I would be
22 outraged if anyone suggests that because Allan J. worked
23 hard for the people of his area and was able to get money
24 to start a coal mine, and continue the mine, open new
25 mines, that somehow inspectors didn't do their jobs, and