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1 since that to -- as quick as possible to get new  
2 regulations in and to update some of our legislation.

3 Mr. Brown is another example, he just introduced  
4 legislation. I think that's a result of this terrible  
5 disaster. So it's an awful price you pay.

6 Q. You wanted to talk about this new legislation a few  
7 minutes ago, and I said that we would have an opportunity  
8 to do that, and you also made a comment yesterday after  
9 we were off the record, that in your view we may be going  
10 in the wrong direction in the way we're approaching these  
11 issues. Can you expand on that for us?

12 A. Well, because of the tragedy and because of the pain  
13 and agony that a lot of people are feeling, sometimes I  
14 think it forces a jump to conclusions quick, that maybe  
15 in the long run won't be to the benefit of the health and  
16 safety of the workers in our province.

17 And I guess I was rather struck by the current  
18 legislation and how we arrived at it. We were the  
19 second-last province in Canada to adopt this internal  
20 responsibility approach with our Occupational Health and  
21 Safety Act. And that was done, I think, by the McKeough  
22 Commission. And I believe the majority on that  
23 Commission was made up of labour people, which would seem  
24 very logical. I would suggest that they have a very keen  
25 interest in the safety and the health of the workers they