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Member's Statement

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### Wind Turbines

**Mr. John Yakabuski:** Later this afternoon, my good colleague from Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound is going to be tabling a resolution in this House that would essentially compel the government to issue a moratorium on any new wind projects until such time as a proper study is done, and the chief medical officer of health, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ministry of Health Promotion would have to sign on that they're satisfied that there are no deleterious effects caused by the placement of wind turbines within the proximity of where people live.

It's about time that this government took their responsibility seriously-

*Interruption.*

**The Speaker (Hon. Steve Peters):** Stop the clock. Sorry to interrupt.

We certainly invite all of our guests and certainly welcome everyone. As much as you may wish to participate in the proceedings, we ask that you bite your tongue, maybe, sometimes and keep your hands to your side, but not participate. But we do welcome you to Queen's Park.

**Mr. John Yakabuski:** Thank you, Speaker. Maybe a little extra time would be in order.

Anyhow, it might be time for the government to take a serious look at this. They made all kinds of insinuated promises that they would do this during the hearings for Bill 150 and they've done nothing of the sort at this point. The opportunity will be presented to the House later today to do just that.

Such learned people as Dr. Robert McMurtry, the former dean of health sciences with the University of Western Ontario, and Carmen Krogh, a pharmacist from my riding of Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke who has done extensive research on this issue, have both asked that the government go by the precautionary principle, which is, if you don't know that there are no ill results, then let's do the study. That's all people are asking: Do the study.

Liz Witmer asked a question earlier this year on that very same subject-to do the study. They've done nothing-

