

Sexy protesters put Gordon Campbell in sticky situation

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Two sexy anti-oil sands protesters put British Columbia's former premier in a sticky situation Wednesday during one of his first official appearances as Canada's High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.

While at The Energy Roundtable - a gathering of Canadian and European energy leaders - Gordon Campbell and others sat bewildered as two protesters proceeded to strip down and perform an 'oil orgy' to critique what they say is a cozy relationship between Alberta's energy producers and Canada's former colonial master.

British poet Peter Bearder a.k.a Pete the Temp, clad in Union Jack boxers, and British/Australian UK Tar Sands Network campaigner Emily Coats, in white Maple-Leaf underwear, dumped molasses on themselves and then jumped onto a table in the gilded conference room to kiss and fondle each other for roughly a minute.

Despite protestations about science and the industry's environmental practices 'Britain' could not fend off 'Canada's' advances.

"I feel so hungry I could eat a forest!" Bearder quipped as the couple exited the room, to be detained later by security.

A stunned Campbell and his colleagues gaped after the stunt before the moderator said, "What we tend to do now is actually take a short break."

The UK Tar Sands Network claimed responsibility for the protest.

"We interrupted the Energy Round table today because the UK and Canadian governments flirtations are developing into friends with benefits," the group said on its website. "This seedy relationship puts profits for the oil industry and banks ahead of much needed legislation which will curb emissions from transport fuel in Europe."