

That will include the planting of trees, the reforestation of vast areas around the planet, which are necessary to absorb harmful greenhouse gases. That cannot happen in two weeks or a month. There needs to be long-term plans and strategies of the kind that were discussed in Bergen, Norway.

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TRADE

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister.

Yet another Windsor company, Stanley Home Automation, has decided to shift its manufacturing operations to the United States. The president has announced that free trade is a factor because tariffs are being cut to zero in this product category.

This means another 68 jobs to be added to the jobs lost in Kelsey Hayes, SKD, Sheller-Globe, Bondy Cartage and Wayne Bus. Plant after plant has seen shifts to the United States.

Is the Prime Minister now prepared to suspend the operation of the free trade deal to safeguard manufacturing jobs in this country in an industry which has seen 48,000 jobs disappear in the last month?

Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism)): Madam Speaker, the hon. member mentioned some closures. Of course the government is concerned about any closures, whether they involve 68 employees or whatever.

I have to remind the hon. member that an aerospace company moved from Detroit to Windsor in the last two months, creating over 100 jobs.

Last week, I enjoyed being at the opening of a joint GM-Suzuki operation where 3,000 new jobs have been created.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Hockin: Since it is so close to the hon. member's riding, I would like to mention that Freightliner opened in St. Thomas with 1,200 jobs.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Hockin: When we ask about the free trade agreement, we have to ask of course what the effect is on

our trade surplus. I saw in *The Toronto Star* this morning that the jump in the trade surplus shows that the economy is very, very perky.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): Madam Speaker, let us look at the whole picture for a change. Unlike what the minister has done, I have given a complete picture of what is taking place in my community.

Let us look at the most recent statistics released this week concerning the labour force. Just last month there was a decrease of 45,000 manufacturing jobs throughout this country.

Is his government aiming to destroy the manufacturing heart of our economy? Does it not recognize that the manufacturing base of any economy is crucial to build exports for the future? Does it not recognize that the high tech future for this country depends on that manufacturing base?

Is this government not going to do something to get back those manufacturing jobs?

Madam Deputy Speaker: I think the hon. member has put his question. The hon. minister.

Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism)): Madam Speaker, the hon. member speaks about the manufacturing base of the Canadian economy. The biggest impediment to the manufacturing base of the Canadian economy is the manufacturers' sales tax.

What we are doing is removing that tremendously unfair burden that for over 66 years the Canadian manufacturing sector has had to participate in. We are removing the manufacturers' sales tax, which is especially good news for Windsor and for Canada.

I know the hon. member is an economist. He and I have talked about the big picture, as he puts it. He will be interested to know that a mutual friend of ours, Richard Caves, a professor of economics at Harvard, said the following: "My findings suggest that the Canadian manufacturers should respond well to increased competition under the free trade agreement". He predicts a very good future for that sector.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.