

as to how to spend the money will be theirs. As long as they do not subsidize the lumber companies, there are all kinds of things they can do in the forest industry with those funds. Without committing a specific amount to a specific area, the provinces, with the exception of Ontario which has committed some \$45 million to workers, will do with the money as they will. Many of them have indicated that it will be used for reforestation, silviculture and adjustment for workers who might be put out of work.

If I may, I wish to touch on some of the fear-mongering that has been going on. On May 29, 1986 we heard the Hon. Leader of the New Democratic Party (Mr. Broadbent) say that the 35 per cent tariff on cedar shakes and shingles would do away with 4,000 jobs. We know that that has not happened. The Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) said that the tariff has put 4,000 men and women out of work in British Columbia. That is just not true. The industry is almost back to full capacity. They are selling their product and competing very well. We are now hearing once again those same exaggerated claims. I can tell you, Madam Minister—or Madam Speaker, that in fact—

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Mr. Axworthy: You are out of date. She is another one that is gone.

Mr. McDermid: I am sorry?

Mr. Axworthy: She is another one that is gone.

Mr. McDermid: Go ahead, insult the Speaker. That is fine. The Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Fort Garry (Mr. Axworthy)—

Mr. Axworthy: I am just trying to help you out.

Mr. McDermid: —insults the Speaker sitting in the chair. That is typical of him.

Mr. Axworthy: Running number three in your riding, are you?

Mr. McDermid: I might say these wild claims—

Mr. Axworthy: You are running behind the Rhinoceros Party.

Mr. McDermid: Madam Speaker—

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Order, please.

Mr. Axworthy: You look like a rhino so you should be running with them.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): The Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Fort Garry (Mr. Axworthy) makes it very difficult for anyone to express his or her ideas. I think it would be fair and normal to listen when Hon. Members are debating.

Softwood Lumber Products Export Charge Act

Mr. McDermid: Thank you, Madam Speaker. Obviously I am striking a sensitive—

Mr. Axworthy: I am just trying to be helpful.

Mr. McDermid: —note. Since we have been debating this Bill for 17 and one-half hours, and the Opposition is going to carry on like that, I move that the question be now put.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Mr. McDermid, seconded by Mr. Lewis, moves:

That the question be now put.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Debate, the Hon. Member for Essex—Windsor (Mr. Langdon).

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): Mr. Speaker, finally we see the true face of the Conservative Party and its willingness to carry on debate on this—

Mr. McDermid: Carry on.

Mr. Langdon: —serious issue. It is unfortunate that the Government chose to move a motion like this, especially after such a misguided speech of misinformation which unfortunately Canadians across the country have had to listen to.

I want to say two things in trying to persuade the back-benchers of the Conservative Party to at least react against the effort on the part of their front-benchers to try and ram this agreement, dishonourable as it is, through the House of Commons. I want to first quote an organization which I thought the Conservative Party would have some sympathy for, a group which they would take with some seriousness. I am speaking of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association.

That group just sent to their members and Members of this House an information update on Canada-U.S. softwood lumber exports. They are talking about the U.S. letter sent to the U.S. lumber coalition. They say: "We believe this letter actually charts U.S. intentions on our case." As I indicated in my previous speech, that letter indicates very clearly that the suggestions made by the Parliamentary Secretary and previously by the Minister, that it would indeed be possible to assist our lumber industry with the \$600 million, will not be possible.

Mr. Dick: You believe the Americans, do you?

Mr. Langdon: I am indicating the belief of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association. As well, there is, not an informal side letter, as the Minister suggests, but a very clear and specific indication signed by President Reagan indicating that he can do anything whatsoever to see to it that their understanding of this agreement is put into effect the way they wish to see it put into effect.

Mr. McDermid: As it was negotiated.

Mr. Langdon: The letter makes it very clear—