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Clearly the problem right now in the minds of many Canadians is a clarification of the Liberal position, a position that says that the next federal election will not be the last federal election, that by the process of an economic union with the United States through this trade agreement, by a trade agreement which replaces Canadian labour at reasonable wages with benefit packages at 80 cents an hour, that the Liberal Party of Canada will not let that happen.

At this point in time, in this House, in debate, member after member over there stood up and said they would continue on with those negotiations to an agreement with Mexico. A statement that they will renegotiate the agreement is not good enough in the minds of Canadians, they honestly need a statement that the agreement we have is unacceptable and must be terminated. The negotiations that follow could produce a reasonable agreement. We could deal with the trade imbalances by negotiation, but we cannot keep this agreement and keep Canada.

The GST must go, Mr. Speaker. If they make that statement publicly through their leader I think that we will all move forward a great deal.

Mr. Dingwall: Mr. Speaker, when they are throwing softballs across the way, you know you can hit them out of the park. I mean, this is just absolutely ridiculous.

As I said earlier in this debate, and perhaps there may be a new viewing audience who are watching television right now, but the hon. member's medication has taken hold. I am very certain that it has gone very deep into the mind and into the soul and into the heart, into very fibre of the hon. member, because he is living in a completely different world from reality.

On a Canada-U.S. deal, our party has said very clearly that we will renegotiate the deal. The hon. member says that that is wrong, that that is terrible. If the hon. member feels that way, I am confident of my leader, of my party, of my caucus, and those men and women who will run for us in British Columbia. I am very confident of them. Let's go to the polls. Let the voter decide. Let

your constituents decide which is the most appropriate measure to pursue at this point in time.

But to say that when an agreement has been consummated between two sovereign nations, has been put into place and is operating, much to the discredit if you will of Canadian industry, that we as a nation upon election will immediately abrogate the deal without attempting to renegotiate some of the more substantive parts, I will allow the average and ordinary Canadian in British Columbia, in the member's own riding, to determine which is the most responsible public policy to take. I am very confident of the outcome.

With regard to the North American free trade agreement, the hon. member must realize that this issue has been debated in this House time and time again and we have said repeatedly that this is an opportunity for Canada through that particular vehicle to renegotiate the free trade agreement. There are some major measures which I am sure the hon. member would want to see renegotiated, such as the energy provisions. He would want to see something on that. He would want to see something clarified in terms, I am sure, of monetary policy. He would want to see things clarified in terms of social programs. That is an opportunity.

The hon. member does not understand that because he does not want to understand it. He is part of the NDP, the typical old CCF-NDP, criticize, criticize, criticize until one day, because of a freak accident in Canadian history, you wind up and you become the premier of Ontario. What happens then? You break every promise that you ever made and every position that you ever took. It is the same in Saskatchewan, the same in British Columbia.

I say, through you, Mr. Speaker, to the hon. member that the best test as to who is the best and who is right and who offers the best public policy is let us go to the polls and stop cosyng up to your Tory colleagues across the way. That is the problem.

Mr. Darryl L. Gray (Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine): Mr. Speaker, I listened with great interest to the two opposition parties that are seen this afternoon on