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Right now this free trade agreement is not serving that sector of our economy. It is not serving it well at all. We have a situation right now where we have a crisis of confidence in this country because not only do we have 1.5 million unemployed and another two million on welfare, but those with jobs are afraid they are about to lose them.

Therefore, when the member talks about the benefits of free trade, he would be wise, in my opinion, to admit yes, there are some winners. He was the one who said there was a capacity to deceive. He should also admit that under this agreement there are losers. There have been lots and lots of American branch plants in Canada that through rationalization have been given direction from head office in the states to say: "Listen, we are no longer manufacturing in Canada. We are no longer going to do R and D in Canada. We are going to shut you down and all you will be is a distribution centre and a sales office". The members know that well.

Therefore to try and whitewash this, when even Simon Reisman in the last two weeks has said that the Americans are really taking advantage of this free trade deal, even he is beginning to have his conscience twinged—

Madam Deputy Speaker: I think the hon. member would allow 30 seconds for the hon. member to reply after a long intervention.

Mr. Soetens: Madam Speaker, I will try to be brief. Simply put I listed six companies which are all small, except for GE, in the size of the corporate entity. The other five were all small, privately owned, independently

owned Canadian companies manufacturing in Canada that were successful.

I will leave it up to them to talk about the negatives. I am on the positives. Positives, BCNI, all successful people supported the free trade. Mel Hurtig, Maude Barlow, the Council of Canadians all failures. Mel Hurtig has just filed for bankruptcy. He had to sell his company before it failed. Whose advice do you want? Those who cannot make it or those who can? I take those who can.

[Translation]

Madam Deputy Speaker: It being 4 p.m., it is my duty to inform the House that pursuant to Standing Order 81(17), proceedings on the motion have expired.

The House will now proceed to the consideration of Private Members' Business as listed on today's Order Paper.

[English]

The hon. member for Moose Jaw—Lake Centre is not present to move the order as announced in today's *Notice Paper*. Accordingly that order will be dropped to the bottom of the order of precedence for Private Members' Business, pursuant to Standing Order 42(2).

[Translation]

It being 4.01 p.m., the House stands adjourned until Monday next at 11 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 4.01 p.m.