

CRIMINAL CODE

AMENDMENT PROPOSED TO BAN IMPORTATION OF GARBAGE PAIL KIDS CARDS

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, the House will know that I have been attempting for over a year now to have the importation into Canada of a product known as Garbage Pail Kids to be stopped. As you know, these are cartoons depicting children being mutilated, murdered, and dissected. It is my opinion that this product should never have been allowed to enter this country.

Later today I will be introducing into Parliament a Bill to amend the Criminal Code. This Bill will change the definition of hate propaganda under the Criminal Code.

It is my hope that this Bill will be adopted and Parliament will move immediately to stop the importation of this kind of trash into our country. We certainly do not need our children being influenced by this kind of human degradation that is depicted in Garbage Pail Kids.

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[Translation]

THE ECONOMY

PRESENT SITUATION IN SAINT-MAURICE

Mr. Denis Pronovost (Saint-Maurice): Mr. Speaker, I would like to start by thanking the people of the riding of Saint-Maurice, who expressed their confidence in me on November 21. For the first time since 1891, the voters of Saint-Maurice have elected a Progressive Conservative Member of Parliament. This is a historic gesture on their part, and I am determined to meet worthily the challenges that await me.

Secondly, Mr. Speaker, I want to say that I was startled yesterday to hear the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) speak of the inheritance we would be leaving young Canadians after the signing of the Free Trade Agreement, because we in the riding of Saint-Maurice already bear the burden of a heavy inheritance: the Liberals left us the loss of 12,000 manufacturing jobs over the past 20 years they were in power—12,000 jobs lost, Mr. Speaker, an unemployment rate of 16 per cent, the economic decline of a region that was economically very promising!

Today, Mr. Speaker, I commit myself to defending the economy of my riding, to fixing up the mess the

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Liberals made, which has done so much damage to the future of my region.

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[English]

CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

SUPPORT FROM RESIDENTS OF TIMISKAMING

Mr. John A. MacDougall (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, first may I say thanks to the voters of Timiskaming for once again placing their trust in me and supporting our Party's progressive policies on November 21.

Well, the more things change the more they stay the same. Again yesterday we heard campaign speeches from the Leaders of the Oppositions. Once again we heard their scare tactics concerning our social programs and regional development policies.

Timiskaming residents have sent a message to Ottawa. They do not believe in NDP policies and they do not support the Liberal trade alternatives. They have voted for a far-seeing Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

I think it is a shame that the public who have supported this legislation are being held ransom by our irresponsible colleagues across the way.

I will say one thing, Mr. Speaker, I do look forward to being able to prove over the next four years, to both northern Ontarians and to the opposition benches, the many benefits Canadians will enjoy with this Free Trade Agreement.

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CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

DE GRANDPRÉ COMMISSION—TIMING OF REPORT

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I want to raise a question with the Deputy Prime Minister in the absence of the Prime Minister. Once again, even in this early session, we find the Prime Minister raising false expectations and playing loosely with the honest straightforward facts that Canadian people require.