

[Translation]

### FREE TRADE

#### NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON AGRICULTURE—NEED FOR GENERAL ELECTION

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell):** Mr. Speaker, on July 30, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture issued a press release expressing its concern about Bill C-130, the Bill to implement the Prime Minister's trade agreement.

According to the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the Bill contains harmful measures for many agricultural sectors. For example, this group mentions that the marketing system and the future of quotas are in danger; that the whole Canadian Wheat Board marketing system is threatened; that the quality standards for Canadian agricultural products are seriously affected and finally that Canada's horticultural industry is in danger.

Considering this alarming situation, Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister must ask Canadians for their consent before final passage of this Bill.

The Prime Minister received a mandate against free trade. If he changed his mind in favour of such an agreement, he certainly did not consult the public and above all, he does not have the right to impose this agreement without the approval of the Canadian people. The final decision belongs to the people.

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[English]

### POLITICAL PARTIES

#### FREE TRADE DEBATE—POSITION OF NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to state just for the record that what the New Democratic Party is doing is to try to use this democratic House to see to it that there is sufficient opposition placed before the Government in its attempt to push through a trade deal for which this country has not given it a mandate. For the Liberal Party to criticize us for trying to use this democratic House is absolute idiocy of the highest order.

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### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### CENTRAL AMERICA—SUGGESTED ROLE FOR CANADA

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg—Fort Garry):** Mr. Speaker, I think this weekend all Canadians were encouraged by the sight of troops of our Armed Forces going to join a UN peacekeeping mission in the Middle East. We all applaud the

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reinvigoration of the United Nations as a way of resolving conflict.

I hope this initiative will not deflect our attention from major conflicts in our own hemisphere. The situation in Central America is deteriorating rapidly. There have been new calls by the Reagan administration for support for military aid for the Contras. President Arias in Costa Rica is once again appealing for outside countries to provide some support.

Six weeks ago a Commons committee unanimously put forward a series of recommendations as to how the Government of Canada could provide important and constructive recommendations, proposals and initiatives to help the peace initiative along. We have heard nothing from the Government since then. This is where Canada could provide a major contribution to an area of conflict in our own hemisphere and demonstrate our capacity and maturity as a country to help resolve conflicts.

I hope this House will call upon the Government to take some action and show the kind of initiative for peacekeeping that we can provide in Central America.

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## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### FISHERIES

#### NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR—INSHORE FISHERY

**Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber—Port au Port—St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Deputy Prime Minister. It concerns the disastrous failure of the inshore fishery in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador this year. Indeed, the fishery has suffered through all of Atlantic Canada. The fishing season has been under way now for 13 weeks and many fishermen, particularly those on the great northern peninsula of Newfoundland, during that 13 week period have only been able to earn an income for a maximum of two or three weeks. Incomes are so low that fishermen and their families are no longer just frustrated or angry. For the first time ever, they are hungry. They are simply not earning enough to feed their families.

**Some Hon. Members:** Question.

**Mr. Tobin:** Fishermen are primary producers just as the farmers of Canada are primary producers. They deserve assistance from their Government in times of natural disaster.

My question is a straightforward one. Is the Government prepared, given the natural disaster that is happening and the human tragedy that is unfolding, to provide direct financial compensation to fishermen and their families throughout Newfoundland and Labrador and, indeed, those fishermen and their families who are affected throughout Atlantic Canada?