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I also think we have to look at things that happened for example in the fishing industry, in the herring and salmon industry on the west coast.

The Americans were always striving to have a certain percentage of the fish to process, but through the trade deal we did not permit this. The ink was hardly dry on the deal when the Americans applied through GATT. I would be very surprised if the government was not aware that they would be able to obtain this through GATT. They were able to obtain the fish through GATT and because we have the trade deal we were not able to put an export tax on the fish.

Unfortunately, now the Americans have the right to a certain percentage of our salmon and herring on the west coast. It is very unfortunate because we lose a lot of jobs, jobs that are badly needed on the west coast.

On the east coast in the lobster industry, it was in 1990 when the American government decided that they were going to increase the size of the lobster. We can always go to this great dispute settlement mechanism, but from what I understand it only decides whether the law of the importing nation was properly applied.

For an exporting nation where, in the name of God, does that leave us? We are an exporting nation and the Americans decide we are not going to ship the fish in. They decide possibly we are not going to ship potatoes in.

The problem I see with the trade deal is that the Americans do all the deciding and we, as an exporting nation, need to have some say in the process. As far as I can see, we have very little say.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell):** Madam Speaker, it is a great pleasure today to debate this supply motion.

I must tell you that I do not agree with the New Democrats' motion, and I challenge them to rise right away and contradict me when I say that this motion is definitely not in Canadians' interest. You will note, Madam Speaker, that they did not even reply. But I want to tell you that I would not want the government opposite to start thinking that I am about to praise it either, because that will not happen.

• (1520)

[*English*]

Now that we have established that, let us read carefully what those fine people to the far left want us to do.

They want us to say that in the opinion of this House, Canada should withdraw from the negotiations concerning the North American free trade agreement. Withdraw. Don't want to talk about it; don't want to even see what the Americans are going to do to us when we are not there. They prefer that we not be there.

Okay, maybe by not being there we will not know how bad things are, and therefore what we do not know will not hurt us, according to the NDP.

We should also give notice of withdrawal from the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement and pursue a global strategy not based on making the planet an unfettered playground for the multinational corporate elite.

Now that last sentence is a little catchy. But I would like to remind the House what it is that happens when New Democrats propose motions that are not thought of very seriously.

I will give you an example to make my point. You will remember that some weeks ago we had a New Democratic motion on GATT. Well, someone sat behind the word processor at the great NDP nirvana someplace in this building and wrote a press release.

They announced that the NDP were proposing a motion that the government refuse to sign the GATT. I have a copy of it right here, it is dated February 7 and it was supposed to be in regard to the February 12 opposition day.

The NDP released a few copies of this around and some people did not like it. Actually, many of their supporters did not like it, particularly in western Canada. So they had to run around pulling back the copies of the press release already issued because they had embarrassed themselves, that Canada should not be part of the GATT.

Maybe we should move Canada to another planet, according to the NDP. They live on the moon anyway, most of them are Looney Tunes, so they want us to move someplace else.