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Article 1902.1 is absolutely unambiguous. It says that the United States still has the right to use countervail against us. It says that the United States still has the right to use any trade remedy law against us. It says, quoting the agreement, that the United States "reserves the right to apply its anti-dumping law and countervailing duty law to goods imported from the territory of the other party," that is, Canada.

We did not, therefore, get secure access to the American market. We did not get an exemption from American trade law, whether that be the all-embracing law of 1930 or the U.S. trade law of 1974 or the recent omnibus trade bill of 1988. All of those very comprehensive trade laws applicable to Canada still apply against Canada and are currently being applied by the Americans against our exports.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, what are the implications of the FTA for agriculture? First, seasonal tariffs have been eliminated. Ours is a harsh climate, and our crop season lasts no more than four or five months. Canadian farmers will not be able to compete with their American counterparts in California, Florida, Georgia and other southern states. Why? Because they can harvest crops throughout the year. Canadian farmers know that free trade is impossible in the agricultural sector. With a five-month season here in Canada and a twelve-month season in the southern U.S., there is no way Canadian farmers can compete under the Free Trade Agreement. Only a Tory Government would sign a trade agreement that is completely oblivious of our Canadian climate.

[English]

Under the trade deal, our whole marketing board supply management system is in the course of being negotiated away. It includes marketing surveillance over eggs, chickens, dairy products, turkeys, you name it. Every Canadian farm support system is going to be harmonized, to use the words of the trade agreement, with American programs under the negotiation with the United States of the definition of subsidy.

Our programs are specifically listed in an annex to the trade deal. I am going to read a few of them, applicable particularly to the western farmer: the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act, the Agriculture and Rural Development Act, the Economic and Rural Development Agree-

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ments the Agricultural Stabilization Act, the Western Grain Stabilization Act, the Special Canadian Grains Program, the Prairie Grains Advance Payments Act, the Crop Insurance Act. Every one of those programs is listed for negotiation to be harmonized with the programs of United States and harmonized down to the U.S. level.

Our government could not even wait for the negotiations. It has already started to slash those programs and sell out our farmers to the Americans. Also, before any negotiations began, it sold out the Niagara and British Columbia grape growers. It eliminated the two-price wheat system. It eliminated interest-free cash advances to our farmers. In the last federal budget alone, the minister announced the following cuts totalling \$5 billion by the end of 1990: Crop insurance to be cut by \$200 million; grain and flour transportation, \$60 million; rail branch line rehabilitation program, \$48 million; grain and crops advance payment programs, \$54 million; dairy export program, \$12 million; commodity based loan program, \$15 million; Canadian Dairy Commission, \$10 million; ending farm fuel rebate, \$100 million; all cuts against the Canadian farmer, all cuts concluded in the last federal budget.

You would think, those guys over there were working for the Americans.

**Some Hon. Members:** They are!

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** With friends like that, the Canadian farmer does not need any enemies.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** By the time our so-called negotiators sit down with the American negotiators to negotiate farm support programs, there will not be anything left to negotiate. Look what the Americans are doing in the meantime. They are not stupid. They are taking advantage of a weak Canadian government.

They are using their trade legislation which was specifically incorporated in the trade agreement with Canada to attack our agricultural exports. They have imposed a countervail duty on fresh, chilled and frozen pork. That is in addition to the current duty on live hogs. Now Canadian hog producers are being asked by their own association to contribute \$2 for every hog sold, whether the hog is sold domestically or in export to the United States, to help to pay for that duty.