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wonder if the Minister can tell us if the Government will be maintaining, and fighting and opposing, the removal of Section 11 which provides for supply management systems such as we have in dairy and poultry products? Or will she knuckle under and agree to the United States' support for the removal of that section of the GATT?

Miss Carney: Mr. Speaker, obviously the Hon. Member was not in the House last week when I rose and in a Ministerial statement outlined our Canadian proposal for the MTN Round on agriculture.

I would first like to point out that the bilateral agreement we have signed with the United States is considered a major achievement by our international trading partners who feared that if the world's two largest trading partners could not sign an agreement, the MTN would fail. That was their concern. That is why our international trading partners are so pleased we have achieved this. That is why 49 countries of the Commonwealth last week in Vancouver signed the Vancouver Declaration on Trade, urging trade liberalization.

Mr. Foster: Will you please answer my question?

Miss Carney: It is funny, the Hon. Member takes forever to put the question but I am not allowed to answer it.

I wish to point out to the Hon. Member that in my statement in the House I pointed out that our Canadian position is that we expect to get credit, as I have said, for the fact that our programs in Canada are consistent with Article XI in the GATT. It is the programs of other countries which are inconsistent with Article 11.

Mr. Tobin: Such as?

Miss Carney: The Hon. Member does not want me to take the time to answer that. He is already urging me to adjust his question. I am pointing out very clearly that I said in this House that Canadians will be seeking credit for the fact that our programs are consistent with Article XI. I would be interested to know whether he quarrels with that. I also outlined the role we had taken in the Cairn's Group, with Australia, leading the 14 nations of the world to account for 25 per cent of agriculture trade, and the efforts we have made consistently for trade liberalization in agriculture. If he is not familiar with the position, I would be very glad to send him copies of the speeches I have given in this House on the subject.

Mr. Foster: Would the Minister table the GATT documents?

Mr. Broadbent: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Hon. Minister. I am not sure if it is a question or a question of privilege. First, if I can be direct, she did not have the decency to answer the question put by the Hon. Member for Yorkton—Melville (Mr. Nystrom) who pointed out that I had said something totally different to what she attributed to me. She did not deal with the question.

Beyond that, she went on to make two important misstatements of fact that I would like her now to correct. First she said I opposed the Auto Pact in the past. I have been a Member for 19 years and I challenge the Minister to produce one statement in 19 years to back up the outrageous accusation she just made. If she does not, will she have the honesty to withdraw it?

Second, she said that I said in my speech that Americans were more honest than Canadians. Again, if she can show that in a speech, then she can stand by it. Otherwise, I ask her to withdraw it. I made no such claim.

Miss Carney: You did so.

Mr. Broadbent: I may well have said, if she checks the record, that the American officials, the Americans are more honest than this Government. That I would stand by. Would she please produce the facts to support her outrageous allegations, or at least have the integrity to withdraw them immediately?

Miss Carney: Mr. Speaker, I have spoken in this House many times quoting the Hon. Member for Oshawa, quoting his own words about how the Auto Pact is to be renegotiated—

Mr. Broadbent: Improved, yes.

Miss Carney: —but changes have to be made in the Auto Pact. I will present those pages from *Hansard* shortly after today's debate, shortly after the lunch hour. I will ask my staff to get it.

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Second, in terms of his speech about Americans being more honest than Canadians, that is my personal note of what he said. I ask you to check the "blues", Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Broadbent: Check the "blues"!

Miss Carney: If he is wrong, I expect him to apologize. If I am wrong, I will withdraw the statement.

Mr. Speaker: I have to advise the House that the 10 minute question and comment period has expired.

The Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Fort Garry (Mr. Axworthy) has the floor. I might indicate to Hon. Members that in view of Statements by Ministers there was a 14-minute extension into the noon hour. It might very well be that the Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Fort Garry would like to have the Chair call it 1.14 p.m.

Mr. Axworthy: Yes, Mr. Speaker, if you would call it 1.14.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member will have the floor at 3 p.m.

The House stands adjourned until 2 p.m.

At 1.12 p.m. the House took recess.