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On the eve of a national election this destructive agreement that destroys sovereign control of Canadian interests in health care, environment and labour standards, that diminishes the capabilities and opportunities of Canadian people, and that says that we as a nation will now capitulate and give up forever our destiny as Canadians in a tough world by tying into the United States is ready to be signed.

I did not spend 25 years in public life to be present at the funeral of this country. We human beings have our weaknesses and our strengths. We have our passions and our ideologies. I want to urge all Canadians, regardless of passion and regardless of ideology, to understand that nothing less is at stake in this deal than Canada as we know it.

This bill could be aptly renamed as the Canada termination act. If we sign this agreement we put an end, a finish, to any idea that we will ever be masters in our own house again. That great cry of the province of Quebec, *mâitres chez nous*, ironically is shared by every single Canadian in every corner of this country about our beloved Canada.

We have never faced a government as bad as this in the history of our country. This government's policies and the efficacies of its policies have seen us destroy the hope, the dreams and the passions of those Canadians.

I welcome the next federal election. I hope to God that Canadian people study the issues, think clearly and force the parties to define their positions. The reckoning date is not this bill. Even if this bill passes in the House the reckoning date is January 1, 1994.

The government people vote for can save Canada or destroy it.

The New Democrats are opposed to this bill. The Tories are in favour of it. The Liberals are still on the fence, and they have to be part of the debate too.

[Translation]

Madam Deputy Speaker: It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until two o'clock this afternoon.

At 1:04 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[English]

NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Mr. David Walker (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, the eviction from the House of Commons of the member for Esquimalt—Juan de Fuca yesterday is the first such incident in years and came as a surprise to no one, especially the leader of the NDP.

I would suggest that the NDP members take heed of their leader's comments and once and for all allow this House to proceed in a constructive and orderly manner so that the business of the nation can take priority over the antics.

The leader of the NDP spoke just a few months ago about the chaos sometimes seen during Question Period. She said: "The abuse that is shouted back and forth, the heckling, and the histrionics strike me and my women colleagues as silly, childish, sometimes wounding and always counter productive".

An hon. member: Who said that?

Mr. Walker: That was the leader of the NDP. Never were more appropriate words spoken. Unfortunately for her, her party, the House of Commons and all of Canada these words fell on deaf ears in her own caucus.

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PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Bill Casey (Cumberland—Colchester): Mr. Speaker, both business and labour communities in Prince Edward Island and the maritime regions are responding to the decision in the courts regarding the fixed link project.

The United Brotherhood of Carpenters in Charlottetown says: "With 80 per cent of our members on UIC it is no longer reasonable for the majority to be held hostage forever by those who use environmental legislation and regulations to serve their own selfish concerns".