

The industry is prepared to discuss and suggest proposals to relieve anxieties about cross-border shopping and smuggling. I urge the government to accept this invitation and to consult with the land border duty free industry toward a mutually acceptable solution.

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WILSON NEPOOSE

Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): Wilson Nepeose spent over five years in jail for a murder conviction based on questionable evidence.

Last year the Minister of Justice, under section 690 of the Criminal Code ordered an appeal for Wilson Nepeose. In its recent decision, the Alberta Court of Appeal overturned his conviction and ordered a new trial.

The appeal court found that the evidence presented to Wilson Nepeose's original trial was deficient. In fact, it has been suggested that the evidence indicating Wilson Nepeose's guilt was, in some cases, fabricated or coerced and in other cases the Crown withheld evidence which supported his innocence.

I call on the Minister of Justice and the Solicitor General to strike a full formal inquiry into the Nepeose murder investigation to find out who fabricated, coerced or withheld evidence and recommend appropriate action.

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SHARE GROUPS

Mr. Dave Worthy (Cariboo—Chilcotin): It was not enough last week that our closest ally and trading partner attacked us. Now it turns out that two members of the NDP have been systematically betraying and slandering the B.C. share groups that represent our resource-based communities.

Share groups are not anti-environment. Our share groups are integral elements of the communities throughout British Columbia. They represent and try to balance the interests of all stakeholders of our forests and our environment.

The membership does include people who work in the forest industry, but they also include others, mayors, teachers, businessmen and ranchers. This is truly a grassroots organization.

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Twice stabbed in the back is too much. It is one thing to receive it from the U.S., but it is quite another to have the workers of B.C. attacked by their so-called friends. The communities of Cariboo—Chilcotin will not soon forget this betrayal by the NDP members of Skeena and Comox—Alberni.

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[Translation]

BANK RATE

Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard): Madam Speaker, yesterday Canadians have seen the bank rate rise for the sixth time since January just because of this government's mind-boggling desire to sustain the Canadian dollar.

With its monetary policy, it is only putting off the economic recovery even further. Unless we put an end to these repeated increases in the bank rate, there will be more bankruptcies, more lay-offs and more de-industrialization.

The Liberal Party of Canada, the Canadian pulp industry, the Conseil du Patronat du Québec and the Canadian manufacturing industry, all denounce this government's irresponsible monetary policy.

I will tell the government that you don't need to destroy the economy to bolster the Canadian dollar. It should stop this nonsense immediately to put an end to this slump and put Canada back on track!

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[English]

COAL INDUSTRY

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): For months now, members in my caucus, particularly the members for Kootenay East, Edmonton East, Winnipeg Transcona and myself have been pursuing a renewal of coal contracts between Ontario Hydro and western Canadian coal producers in order to protect Canadian jobs.

Earlier this year, Shelley Wark-Martyn, the MPP for Port Arthur and minister of revenue and I convened a meeting in Thunder Bay between Ontario's minister of energy and members of a newly formed coalition. At that meeting, the minister of energy agreed to intervene with Ontario Hydro to see if a made-in-Canada solution could be found and he did.