

ment to set up a trading bloc on behalf of Canadian industries and workers. Members who can hear and see and think should consider the small seeds in the chaff of the speeches of the Minister of Agriculture, and the one today in which he indicated there is no point in playing around in Geneva with GATT and tariff arrangements because the countries we deal with have much more sophisticated ways of subsidizing the products we import and do not run into the difficulties into which Canadian exporters run.

I think this has been a good debate, Mr. Speaker. It is one of the few occasions when Liberal members have had guts enough to speak for their constituents and point out some of our problems. I hope that in debate on Bill C-11 they will continue on the course they have embarked upon today, and that they will recommend to the government some of the changes proposed today which, I believe, would result in a lessening of the unemployment and misery it is causing to all segments of this country.

Mr. Robert Daudlin (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, it is with some pleasure that I rise to join in the debate this evening. It affords me the opportunity to deal with comments made by the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander) who got all fired up a few minutes ago. He presented a lot of information to the House that he wanted to pass off as the truth, while at the same time chastising members on this side for allegedly telling half-truths. I shall try to put the record straight or at least present the opposite side of the coin that the hon. member would not have exposed.

Mr. Alexander: When he says something I will listen.

Mr. Daudlin: My hon. friend interjects that when I say something he will listen. I did him the courtesy of trying to listen to what he was trying to tell the House, and found he had nothing to say. I must have heard five or ten times, and the record will show this tomorrow, that this government, in his view, destroyed the economy. My friend tried to save him from his own problem. He tried to indicate to him on a number of occasions that since January of this year the government had created 292,000 jobs. But he did not want to be confused by the facts. He said "Quiet. Leave me alone. I do not want to know that."

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The hon. member said this government had destroyed the economy, forgetting that we had reduced the rate of unemployment in his own province. He did not want that kind of information on the record. The hon. member conveniently forgot what the Minister of Finance (Mr. Chrétien) had to say in terms of heads of households and what happened to the rate of employment vis-à-vis that particular sector of our economy.

That hon. member is a prime example of what speakers on this side of the House, particularly the hon. member for Scarborough West (Mr. Martin), had indicated, in that all he could speak about was what was going wrong with the economy, what terrible things were happening, creating the impres-

sion for the entire country that everything was wrong. If the hon. member ever acknowledges that something is right, I will be so surprised as to go over and congratulate him. However, I do not expect him ever to say anything is right. I suppose he in turn will never expect me to say anything is wrong.

I invite the hon. member to stay with me a few moments because I want to mention a few things that are not quite right, but they are not all bad. My friend and others this evening talked about the Export Development Corporation, saying it is a terrible thing. They do not seem to be able to comprehend that 3,000 man-years is a good thing and, if that had not been done, those 3,000 man-years would have been lost to the Canadian economy.

My friend is indicating that he is going to leave, still not wanting to know what is good in what is happening. Unfortunately for him, that will be his loss.

Mr. Alexander: I will read it in *Hansard* tomorrow.

Mr. Daudlin: The hon. member for Hamilton West stated that when he tried to move a motion under Standing Order 43 on July 12, 1977, the members on this side of the House said no and did not allow him to proceed with the motion. It is about time that those in the audience in our galleries and beyond the television cameras heard somebody tell what is happening with motions under Standing Order 43. They are an attempt by members opposite to put aside the debate of the day in order to bring up particular subjects or particular things that they believe, individually or as a party, should pre-empt everything going on in this House. They want to take charge of what is going on here.

It is time that people recognized we are acting responsibly when we say no, that we believe what is before the House is important and must be proceeded with. It is about time somebody stood up and said that, and here I am to do it.

My friend went on to say that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), in June or July, said it would have no effect to have discussions with the premiers of the provinces save to satisfy the hon. member on the other side. He then said the Prime Minister is now advising us that in fact we are going to have these meetings. Of course we are going to have these meetings. The premiers have now indicated they are prepared to do something constructive. They have agreed that something substantial is ready to happen. I guess my friend has never heard of timing. He has never heard that there is a time to strike and a time to sit down, to stand away and wait for the proper time. Until he learns that, he will continue to be on the side of the House opposite from which I now stand.

The hon. member indicated as well that farmers are alienated and the aged are alienated. I do not know what farmers he talked with. He certainly did not talk to the farmers in southern Ontario, who argue that in fact the prices for corn and soybean are low, that they should indeed be higher. But they also say that things are not bad, that things are adequate, that they are paying their bills, that they are able to sell, that