

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 21

[English]

TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—POSITION
OF NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, when it was time to stand up to be counted with my Leader's efforts to let the people decide the fate of the Mulroney trade deal, the NDP ran away from the challenge. Not only did the NDP's weekend retreat represent a reversal of its initial position of support, it also depicted a Party lacking political backbone.

When the purpose of this political stand was to guarantee the people of Canada a say before the deal is finalized, the NDP ignored this principle and chose instead to attack the role of the Senate. Yet it was the same NDP which encouraged Senators in their crusade against an unjust drug Bill. It was the same NDP which cheered the Senate on as it studied and challenged the legitimacy of the Government's two refugee Bills. Does not this trade deal, which will alter the very fabric of our country, merit similar scrutiny by the Senate?

History will show that when the political going got tough with the trade deal, the NDP got going. Members of the NDP wimped out. They blinked. In so doing, they failed to stand up for Canadians' indisputable right to shape the destiny and future of their own country.

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ABORTION

INTRODUCTION OF NEW DRUG TO INDUCE ABORTIONS

Mr. John Ostrom (Willowdale): Mr. Speaker, there exists the strong possibility that Canada could become the North American testing ground for a controversial drug that will revolutionize abortions.

RU 486 is a pill which induces abortion without the need for a physician or medical facilities. This new drug will allow the killing of an unborn baby in the privacy of one's own home. This drug, if produced, would serve to cheapen further the value of life—for killing will become a simple act of taking medication to cure some ailment. The duty of all mankind is to protect all life, and any attempt to cheapen life must be challenged.

I intend to do whatever is necessary to fight any attempt to introduce RU 486 into Canada.

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AEROSPACE INDUSTRY

AIRBUS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT—AIR CANADA'S WINNIPEG
BASE

Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, the residents of Winnipeg are being asked to celebrate the fact that the maintenance contract for the Airbus aircraft to be purchased by Air Canada will be done in Winnipeg. What we are being asked to celebrate is the fact that we have not been shafted by the Government. The 727 maintenance work is already being done in Winnipeg. By placing the Airbus work there we simply maintain the *status quo*.

At the present time promises are also being made to the effect that by having the maintenance work in Winnipeg we will become the North American centre for Airbus maintenance work. This echoes the promise that was made about the CF-5 when by doing the work in Winnipeg we were supposed to obtain global contracts for the CF-5. That has not materialized.

This sounds like another inflated promise. I wonder if the Government could give this one in writing. In that way we could have some assurance that, if we are going to be the North American centre for the maintenance of Airbuses, there would be a guarantee that the work will come there rather than be simply another inflated promise from a Government that is desperate for re-election.

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CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADETS—VICTORIES AT BISLEY RIFLE
CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mr. Ross Belsher (Fraser Valley East): Mr. Speaker, the young people of Canada who become Canadian Forces cadets serve us well and deserve recognition.

Within the last two weeks Royal Canadian Army Cadets have competed against over 2,400 young target rifle shooters at the annual competition in Bisley, England. Led by Colonel Bert Cafick and coached by Mr. Clem Tremblay, the team of 18 cadets from across Canada won team competitions against 62 other teams.

Special mention must go to Kirsten Watt of Orleans, Ontario; Cory Roberts of Regina, Saskatchewan; Tom Sutton from Baldonnew, British Columbia; and Jamie Metlin of Truro, Nova Scotia, who won medals in events. Cadets Watt and Roberts, in different events, both beat 2,460 other shooters for their gold medals.

These are some examples of the accomplishments of Canadian young people who are cadets. I am sure that all Hon. Members applaud these achievements. We must continue the support given to cadet programs across the country.