

Oral Questions

Miss Carney: They have seven years to adjust because it will take that long to get rid of the discriminatory price mark-ups. Other rights that that industry enjoys, in terms of estate wineries and boutique wineries, all have been grandfathered in the agreement.

MINISTER'S POSITION

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Mr. Speaker, the Minister says that she is from the Okanagan. She knows that people in the industry, management and workers, know that they will be hit right now. She knows they will lose 50 per cent of their tariff protection not in 10 years but next year. That is the reality and the Minister should know it.

The Minister has made promises to the working people and the industrial people there. Given the impact on the Niagara Fruit Belt in the Province of Ontario as well, what does the Minister say to these workers? Is she saying to the wine producers of Canada: "Let them drink beer"? Is that her answer?

Hon. Pat Carney (Minister for International Trade): No, Mr. Speaker. I am saying to Canadians, including Hon. Members, let them continue to drink good wine and let them export it to the United States.

• (1430)

SITUATION OF WORKERS IN WINE INDUSTRY

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Mr. Speaker, the Minister knows that for climatic reasons, as well as many others, the industry in Canada is not in the position to accept the onslaught it is going to get now from American imports. Just for once, instead of just taking shots, would the Minister tell us in straightforward language what the Government plans to do for the 20,000 workers and their families who are going to be affected? Give us an answer.

Hon. Pat Carney (Minister for International Trade): Mr. Speaker, I think by far the best job protection for people in the wine industry is to have expanded markets, not restricted markets. I think that is something which those in the industry recognize.

I would like to point out, because of the doom and gloom the Hon. Member is spreading, how often he has been incorrect in the past. You will remember, Mr. Speaker, in 1984, in response to our Budget, he said: "This will destroy thousands of jobs."

Some Hon. Members: Order.

Miss Carney: "The effect of this program will be a net increase in unemployment."

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some Hon. Members: More!

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Shefford.

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, we just heard the Minister for International Trade admit that she forgot to defend the interests of her constituents. I suppose she learned that from the Prime Minister.

In fact, I may remind the Prime Minister that in 1984, he ran for election—

Mr. Speaker: The question, please.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT

Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford): The question is quite simple, Mr. Speaker. In 1984, when the Prime Minister ran for election in the riding of Manicouagan, his slogan was: "Hope has a name: Brian Mulroney".

In 1987, the authorities of Sept-Îles are saying, and I quote: "Sept-Îles does not have a Member in Ottawa to defend its interests, because for some reason, the Member for Manicouagan has remained silent during the last three years." This was signed by the mayor and others.

My question to the Prime Minister is as follows: Saturday, these people will have to take to the streets and organize a demonstration to make him understand that they are in need, that they are unemployed. Could the Prime Minister make it unnecessary for them to go to such lengths and give us an immediate answer on the investment tax credit?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, speaking on behalf of my constituents in the riding of Manicouagan, I deeply appreciate the Liberal Member's interest, and my constituents would have appreciated it even more if we had received the same support when the Canadian Government decided to build a penitentiary at Port Cartier. We would have appreciated that very much. That is the hypocrisy of a Liberal Party that gave us its temporary support. Something has been done. For instance, on the weekend, \$10 million was invested in the fisheries sector in the riding of Manicouagan, which was greatly appreciated by the people. Thanks to a major highway project, we have been able to improve communications for many of our constituents on the middle and lower North Shore. The same applies to the 138. We have plans for an airport in the North. We have a huge riding, about 1,200 kilometres long and 900 kilometres wide, almost a country in itself, which requires a lot of action on the part of the Government. I hope I can count on the support of all Members of this House whenever I intervene in the future.