

cans or Europeans to set up a popcorn stand? The Government seems to suggest that they represent the entrepreneurs in Canada. However, I see no changes that will encourage entrepreneurs to invest here. Instead, many Canadian corporations have taken their money out of Canada and invested it elsewhere.

Let me give an example from my own community. Great Lakes Forest Products Limited has announced that it will build a pulp and paper mill in Washington State. It will spend \$25 million U.S. from the Canadian economy to build that mill, which will eat into the Canadian pulp and paper industry and British Columbia's markets for newsprint on the West Coast. That company is in receipt of \$48 million to \$50 million in direct grants from the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario. It owes \$116 million in deferred taxes. Yet the Government is letting that company take its money to create jobs in the United States. Perhaps that company should go to Corner Brook to invest in the mill there and keep the money within Canada.

The reason given by Great Lakes for this investment in Washington is the unfavourable investment climate in Canada. Other companies have expressed the same sentiments. For many years we have seen our development companies buying shopping plazas and other enterprises in the United States and building condominiums. Why do they not do that here? Instead of simply opening the doors, the Government should be determining the causes for investment money to leave this country. I just do not understand.

Mr. McDermid: That is right. You sure don't.

Mr. Angus: Last year, personal savings in Canada totalled \$36 billion. Surely we can do something to use that money to create some wealth in Canada. We do not even come close to the Americans.

Between 1950 and 1974, Canada had personal savings rates of 5.9 per cent. In the United States it was 6.9 per cent. In 1984 the figure is 12 per cent as opposed to 6 per cent. Canadians save twice as much as Americans.

Mr. Epp (Provencher): Do you know why?

Mr. Angus: I would like to know why. Perhaps the Hon. Minister can join us in the debate and explain.

Yesterday, the Hon. Member for York East (Mr. Redway) talked about housing and the need to encourage investment in housing. I agree with him but the reason why people are not building in this country is that they can make more money by leaving it in the bank. This is the result of the high interest rate policy of the previous Government which the present Government seems to accept. It has not taken action to ensure that interest rates go down to a realistic level so that people will invest money into housing again. The Americans will not build homes and apartments here because of the cost of borrowing. They realize that they can make money easier through other means. I suggest that the Government should change that policy.

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I want to see Canadians investing in housing, whether it is rental or for purchase, so that we can escape from the intolerable situation which persists in most communities in this country.

We are also concerned about foreign investment with respect to the fishing industry in the Maritimes. There was an interesting discussion that took place recently in the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry. I am glad that the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. Fraser) is here today. He knows that the recent court decision effectively bars the Americans from the lucrative part of the Georges Bank. This means that the only way they can get into that market is by the acquisition of assets of Canadian companies, of fishermen, canneries or other companies.

It is my understanding that there is no provision for review by Investment Canada. I encourage the Minister to review that situation because I believe that other aspects of the fishery industry besides the Georges Bank could be in danger of being taken over. At least with FIRA, the Minister has an opportunity to say in Cabinet that such action is not good for the Canadian industry.

There also seems to be some confusion among Members of the Cabinet about provisions in the Bill. In reply to a question that I raised in the House two days ago, the Minister of State for Small Business (Mr. Bissonnette) said, as quoted in *Hansard* at page 1111:

—Investment Canada will see to it that the money is reinvested in Canada.

I have not found such a provision in this Bill. I would be pleased if an Hon. Member could tell me where that provision is because I have not seen it. I suspect it is not there and that the Minister did not understand the implications of the Bill.

In conclusion, let me explain what our Party would do. We would tighten up the existing FIRA legislation to cover a review of foreign firms already operating in Canada, applying stricter controls over any expansion of existing foreign-controlled business, ensuring that these firms promote trade in accordance with Canadian laws and policies rather than submitting to the laws and policies of the controlling company.

We would ensure that foreign businesses operate in our best interest by providing jobs, production of manufactured goods, research and development, re-investment of profits in Canada, and the purchase of Canadian goods rather than imports.

We would promote the expansion of public and co-operative ownership to promote ownership by Canadians of a larger sector of the economy and to halt and reverse the trend to foreign domination.

I am pleased to participate in this debate and look forward with interest to further discussions.

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Mr. McDermid: Mr. Speaker, we have been highly entertained over the last 20 minutes by some remarks that are hardly worth commenting on. However, I do have a question for the Hon. Member. He is against investment coming from off-shore into Canada. At the same time he is against Canadi-