

*Adjournment Debate*

into two or more competitive markets for the purposes of considering domestic production. This is really the crux of the whole decision taken by the government.

Freight costs, for example are obviously a very important element in the movement of heavy bulk items such as wide-flange steel beams. This problem is by no means peculiar to these products. It applies across the board to all processed and manufactured goods produced in one area and sold in another area of this country. Personally I am confident that both members opposite are not suggesting that the protection provided Canadian producers under the Anti-dumping Act against unfair trading practices by foreigners be limited to the area of the country in which a producer is located.

In the case of wide-flange steel beams it is clear that the primary competition for the domestic producer is offshore steel landed in British Columbia. In spite of statements made to the contrary by members opposite, the government has made all possible effort to ensure the steel is being shipped to the west coast at the lowest possible cost.

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I just want to reiterate the last paragraph of my reply to the hon. member for Capilano. The final determination of normal values of wide-flange steel shapes under the provisions of the Anti-dumping Act will be made shortly so that, while injurious dumping of these products into Canada will not be countenanced, the products will land in British Columbia ports as in the rest of Canada at competitive prices. This, I believe, should serve the best interests of all parties concerned.

This is a very legitimate inquiry by members opposite and by members on this side of the House. I hope when the final decision is taken by the government that the aspect of the layoffs and so on as alleged by members opposite will not come to bear.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at two o'clock p.m.

At 10:27 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.