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I believe that there is a change of attitude reflected in what was said this morning by the Hon. Minister for International Trade (Mr. Kelleher), who announced that he would meet Friday with the main parties involved, namely the industry and the provincial Government, to try to identify the best alternatives. This Government has no intention of imposing its own views on anyone. There are industries and provincial Governments involved. We have to examine the best solutions to this problem. Naturally, we have had to make some changes.

If we look at the various issues which have been the subject of sporadic controversy, it becomes obvious that it was more than time for the Canadian Government to take a comprehensive look at the framework of our trade negotiations in recent years. Our current problems have existed for a long time. Canadians are now very much sensitized to the problems associated with our trade relations with the United States. They want to hear about them. This is part of what the Government can do to help them.

Since last year, there have been some changes within the Canadian Government. I have heard people speak about the foreign investment act, the National Energy Program and all the programs implemented by the former Government which exacerbated the problem. We all know, Mr. Speaker, that we have known difficult times. We are now coming out of them. However, when, during a difficult period for trade, we add to the problem with legislation which unilaterally makes Canada hostile to trade, we find ourselves with problems such as the one we are now having.

We have a second problem which will have to be resolved by the International Trade Commission. Afterwards, we shall be able to decide what action to take to help the industry. In this specific case, it is important for the Canadian Government to provide immediately some practical assistance to the industry and the province most affected to guarantee their defence before the International Trade Commission.

● (1740)

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It being 5.45 o'clock p.m., it is my duty to interrupt these proceedings and put every question necessary to dispose of the supply proceedings now before the House in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 82(9). The question is the following one. Mr. Axworthy, seconded by Mr. Gauthier, moved:

That this House condemns the lack of care and concern for workers in the cedar shakes and shingles industry and in the softwood lumber industry shown by the Prime Minister in his letter to President Reagan, in which he clearly put his personal interests ahead of those of working Canadians and calls upon the Government to take immediate action (1) to assist the workers in the lumber industry and in the shakes and shingles industry by invoking the *Employment Support Act*; (2) by assisting in every way the softwood lumber industry in

making the Canadian case before the United States International Trade Commission; (3) to ensure that proper time is given to make this case by, if necessary, obtaining extensions to the hearing time; (4) and by initiating proper and effective action under the rules of GATT to ensure that this matter is satisfactorily considered by the international trading system.

All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): In my opinion, the nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Call in the Members.

● (1800)

And the division bells having rung:

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I am sorry, the Hon. Member is too late. Hon. Members who have just walked in are too late. Let me make that clear.

The House divided on the motion which was negated on the following division:

(Division No. 271)

YEAS

Members

Althouse	Finestone	Manly
Angus	Foster	Mitchell
Axworthy	Frith	Murphy
Blackburn	Fulton	Nicholson
(Brant)	Gauthier	(Trinity)
Blaikie	Gray	Orlikow
Broadbent	(Windsor West)	Ouellet
Caccia	Guilbault	Parry
Cassidy	(Saint-Jacques)	Pépin
Copps	Henderson	Riis
Deans	Hovdebo	Robichaud
de Corneille	Jewett	Rompkey
de Jong	Keeper	Waddell
Epp	Langdon	Young—39.
(Thunder Bay-Nipigon)	MacLellan	

NAYS

Members

Andre	Clark	de Cotret
Beatty	(Brandon-Souris)	Desjardins
Belsher	Clifford	Dick
Bertrand	Clinch	Domm
Blackburn	Coates	Dorin
(Jonquière)	Corbett	Duguay
Blenkarn	Côté	Edwards
Bourgault	(Lac-Saint-Jean)	Epp
Bradley	Crofton	(Provencher)
Brightwell	Crosbie	Fennell
Caldwell	(St. John's West)	Fontaine
Clark	Crouse	Forrestall
(Yellowhead)	Darling	Fraleigh