

with members of the Ontario Grape Growers Association and the Wine Institute of Ontario who feel the same way as their counterparts in British Columbia. They feel betrayed by their own Members of Parliament and by the Government.

Will the Minister from British Columbia explain why the single largest losers in this trade deal with the United States are the grape growers and the people who work in the wine industry? Why has she singled out for attack the 6,000 families in the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia who depend for their livelihood on the vineyards, fruit growing, and the wine industry of the province?

**Hon. Pat Carney (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, the families to which the Hon. Member refers are aware that the price discrimination practices against offshore wine, California wine, were so high that we have been taken by our trading partners to the GATT to account for them. The Member is always talking about the GATT. However, when we are called before the GATT because of extraordinary discriminatory pricing measures he does not even want to talk about it.

I repeat that we have heard from members of the wine industry that they are looking forward to an opportunity to have access to the North American wine market.

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They believe that Canadian wines can compete.

Our best products can compete. We make good wine. We believe that that good wine will be marketed. I am sorry if the Hon. Member does not have any faith at all in the Canadian wine industry.

#### GATT HEARING ON WINE PRICING PROCESS

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg—Fort Garry):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister for International Trade. Considering the answer she just gave in the House, what side is she on in this dispute? If in fact there is still a case pending where the Government of Canada is supposed to be defending the interests of the grape growers and wine producers of Canada, is it not true that the statement she just made in the House is a clear concession that the Government of Canada is not supporting those producers or those grape growers, that she has already surrendered, just as she surrendered on every other trade case this country has had before us in the last three years?

**Hon. Pat Carney (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, the only surrender here is the failure of the Opposition to deal with the facts of the case. The facts of the case are that we have been taken to the GATT, hauled before the GATT by our trading partners on this pricing process. We are waiting for the decision. He will have to explain to Canadians how he believes that acknowledging that fact, which is well known, is somehow surrendering.

#### Oral Questions

##### REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR INDUSTRY

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg—Fort Garry):** Mr. Speaker, it was not members of the Opposition who just stood in their places, as the Minister just did, and said that that case in the GATT is justified.

**Miss Carney:** I did not say that.

**Mr. Axworthy:** Those are exactly the words she used.

**Miss Carney:** I did not.

**Mr. Axworthy:** When will she begin standing up for this country? When will she stop giving in every time a trade case is before us? Why does she not stand up and say that the grape growers and wine producers have a legitimate right for the kind of support they have because they create in this country a valuable industry that employs 20,000 people?

**Hon. Pat Carney (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member has stated something that is not the case. I did not say that the case was justified. I said that the case was before the GATT, which is a fact. The people in the industry understand and know that. I have said that we are awaiting the results of that and we will inform the House at the time.

Let me return to the facts of the matter. We believe that Canadian wineries which make good products, which people on both sides of the border would want to buy, will do well. That is an advantage to them, which some of their own spokesmen have acknowledged.

##### OKANAGAN VALLEY WINE INDUSTRY

**Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the same Minister and concerns the same subject. A month ago when I met with the wine producers and other fruit growers in the Okanagan Valley, they told me that they had been assured by the Minister that their interests would be looked after in these important free trade negotiations. Coming from British Columbia and knowing the importance of this industry to the people of British Columbia, particularly in the Okanagan Valley, why did the Minister let them down completely?

**Hon. Pat Carney (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, I have the advantage on the Hon. Member because my family comes from the Okanagan. I know it very well. I know that the advantages of this free trade agreement to the Okanagan far outweigh the kind of disaster that he is trying to point out.

May I point out again that this industry will have seven years to adjust under the free trade agreement.

**Ms. Copps:** No way.

**Mr. Axworthy:** They have one year.