

about the honesty of this Government. It means that the taxpayers' money will continue to be wasted. It will cost \$16 million more. This decision goes against the advice and the work of the officials who have been involved in this matter for some time. It is completely unacceptable, Mr. Speaker!

[*English*]

I want to turn briefly to international affairs. I think I have been appropriately critical in terms of the domestic policy of the Government. However, in terms of international affairs the Government has done many constructive things. With regard to the Prime Minister's attitude toward South Africa, I have not the slightest doubt about the depth and sincerity of his conviction expressed once again here today and about how much he loathes the institution and practice of apartheid. I heard from sources other than the Conservative Party about his performance at the Commonwealth Leaders' Conference. I heard nothing but praise for the tough-minded in-fighting which our Prime Minister did at that meeting on behalf of the people of Canada. I want to thank the Prime Minister for that.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Broadbent: In the same context, when the Prime Minister was recently in British Columbia I was there at the same time. I was not in the same room, but I saw a report of the speech which he gave on the situation in Central America. The sentiments, values and goals expressed in that speech about the position of the Government of Canada are the goals, principles, and attitudes which my Party and I am sure the people of Canada endorse as well. I will add one specification to that, however. It seems to me that it is very important to recognize the importance of the Contadora process as the Government has done. The Government has repeated that, and I am sure it is totally sincere. However, to put it bluntly, and I regret this profoundly, the Americans are breaking international law no less seriously than the Soviet Union did in Afghanistan.

In terms of the World Court decision, we must go further. In terms of our role in this hemisphere, we cannot stand back and watch a very small nation like Nicaragua brutally assaulted by the present American administration. Whatever one thinks about the priorities of Nicaragua, they are their priorities and they have a right to establish them. I am pleased to see that surveys in the United States show that most of the American people do not support that kind of activity by their own Government.

I make a special appeal to the Prime Minister, who has spoken well on this issue. Having given support to the Contadora process I now urge the Government to follow the lead of the Governments of France and Sweden and embrace in principle the Contadora Treaty, which is an important extension of supporting the process of Contadora. In so doing we will make it increasingly clear through public statements that what the United States is doing is offensive to the belief of

Canadians with regard to the imposition of the will of super-powers on others as well as being offensive to the whole notion of international law.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Broadbent: I was pleased to hear the Prime Minister reassert today his concern about disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament. I share the view that Canadian politicians of our generation should be doing all we can in this world to leave behind us a world in which kids, wherever they may be living, do not have the threat of a nuclear holocaust hanging over them. Our generation of politicians, whether American, Russian, Swedish, Australian or whatever, have a deep obligation to rid this planet of nuclear weapons.

In this context I want to ask the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) to consider most seriously the report made last June by the special joint House-Senate committee which urged the Government of Canada to support the moratorium on nuclear testing. That would be a concrete move fully consistent with what the Government has said in the past and fully consistent with the values the Prime Minister expressed in the House today. I urge the Government of Canada to take this other step forward so that one day our world will be without nuclear weapons.

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[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude by saying that, as all Canadians are well aware, ours is one of the greatest countries in the world. However, it is possible to make our country more equitable and it is our responsibility to do so. We know what should be done. Let us do it!

[*English*]

I would like to move the following amendment to the motion moved by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner):

That the amendment be amended by adding the following words:

"and specifically that this House condemns the Government for failing to indicate its intentions with respect to,

1. protecting the interests of Canadian workers in bilateral trade negotiations with the United States, particularly in the forest industry;
2. positive initiatives to encourage economic growth, improve employment prospects and provide for greater fairness for Canadians in those economically depressed areas of Canada; and
3. improving the accessibility of affordable day care for all Canadian working parents.

Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, it is Friday afternoon and you and I, as experienced Members of the House of Commons, are well aware of the tranquility of Friday afternoon in the House of Commons. A quotation which comes to mind is: "the tumult and the shouting dies, the captains and the kings depart".

I am very pleased to participate this early on Friday afternoon and want to compliment the mover and seconder of the reply to the Speech from the Throne. The Hon. Member for