

result of this Agreement, the family farm is about to become an endangered species?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am truly appalled to hear a Member of this House address an important issue with such a show of hysterics and bad faith.

I have already referred to the contributions made by Mr. Bourassa and Mr. Pagé. I mentioned the comments of the Hon. Bernard Landry, former Minister of Finance with the Parti Québec Government. And since the Hon. Member raised the issue, I would like to mention someone else's opinion... If the Hon. Member will allow me—there was an editorial this morning in *Le Devoir* on the same question... he does not seem to take *Le Devoir* seriously, or the Liberal Government of Québec or the PQ for that matter. He doesn't take anyone seriously except his cows.

Mr. Speaker, I think the Hon. Member should listen to the following statement that appeared in *Le Devoir*: "In the agricultural sector, Quebec obtained a specific reference to Article No. XI of GATT which gives it authority—" with respect to "—imports. Dairy producers may rest easy: supply management programs are not affected by the Agreement and are judged to be in line with GATT". *Le Devoir*, like all leaders of public opinion in Quebec, except for the Liberal Party here in the House, and in fact all Quebecers are in favour of the Agreement, especially the provisions on agriculture, and it is time the Hon. Member stopped talking about his cows and told Quebecers that the Liberals in Ottawa are going to approve their choice.

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[English]

LABOUR RELATIONS

PRINCE RUPERT GRAIN HANDLERS' DISPUTE—REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT APPOINT MEDIATOR

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Labour.

The Minister is aware that the National Farmers' Union has proposed a method to get the grain moving through the Prince Rupert terminal. The proposal is that, if the Government will appoint Mr. Justice Emmett Hall as mediator, the union is prepared to return to work immediately. Mr. Justice Hall has agreed to accept such an appointment.

Is the Government proceeding with the appointment of Mr. Justice Emmett Hall as mediator in the Prince Rupert grain terminal dispute?

Hon. Pierre H. Cadieux (Minister of Labour): As my hon. colleague knows, Mr. Speaker, a mediator was appointed in

this particular dispute on March 20, 1986. But that, notwithstanding, I will take his request into consideration.

MINISTER'S POSITION

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Since the National Farmers' Union proposal appears to be the simplest and the surest way to get the grain moving through the Prince Rupert terminal, since you have known this—

Mr. Speaker: I am sure that the Hon. Member wishes to place his question in the appropriate manner. Perhaps he can continue the question.

Mr. Hovdebo: Why has the Minister not proceeded with this appointment?

Hon. Pierre H. Cadieux (Minister of Labour): As I have already indicated, Mr. Speaker, there was already one mediator in this particularly dispute, but I will take that suggestion under consideration.

AIR CANADA STRIKE—SUGGESTED SUSPENSION OF WORK STOPPAGE

Mr. Reginald Stackhouse (Scarborough West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Labour, and it is a supplementary to a previous question on this subject.

Very often in a labour dispute all the attention is given to the two adversaries, and none to the consumers, such as the thousands of Canadians who are understandably concerned about their Christmas travel plans.

I ask the Minister, if there is no settlement in the work stoppage of Air Canada by Friday of this week, will he direct his mediator, William Kelly, to discuss with management and labour the possibility of suspending the work stoppage over the Christmas season, as a service to their fellow Canadians?

Hon. Pierre H. Cadieux (Minister of Labour): Considering all the inconvenience that this particular dispute is causing, I am hopeful that there will be a settlement before Friday.

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TRADE

CANADA-U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber—Port au Port—St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister is no doubt aware of the insulting comments—insulting to the women of Canada—made by the Minister of Transport last week in St. John's, and in other cities in Canada, as part of the Government's so-called campaign to sell its free trade initiative.