

confident in holding the oats off the market. As a result, there is a surplus of oats coming onto the market, depressing the market, and it looks as if it will be depressed for at least all of this year. We need the Wheat Board back.

Mr. Speaker: Questions and comments are now terminated.

On debate, the Hon. Minister for International Trade.

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade): Mr. Speaker, I welcome the opportunity to participate in what is supposed to be a debate. Mind you, we are debating one of the most feeble Opposition day motions ever to come before the House of Commons. Both opposition parties have not got one positive suggestion as to what they would do, were they in power.

Mr. Funk: Put canola under the Wheat Board.

Mr. Crosbie (St. John's West): They are Lilliputians. Two Lilliputian parties without anyone to lead them, wandering in the wilderness, and all they can do is act as naysayers. Why, they are against everything. They haven't a positive—

Mr. Funk: Put canola under the Wheat Board.

Mr. Crosbie (St. John's West): You might be able to out-lung me. Go ahead and out-lung me if you wish. But if you want to listen to some common sense and logic, keep that aperture there closed and you will be able to hear and, I hope, learn something.

I have only been here to listen to two speakers, both from the lost party, the wandering-in-the-wilderness party, the New Democratic Party. Idi Amin said this: "Sometimes people mistake the way I talk for what I am thinking". Well, in listening to the hon. gentlemen talk, I thought it showed they were not thinking in the first place. There was no evidence of thinking in what they said.

This is a serious topic. The reason why it is serious is this, that about half of the \$20 billion in cash receipts generated in our agricultural sector every year are generated by international trade. Yet, if the hon. pygmies opposite were ever to be put into a position where

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they could influence what was happening in international trade, then this half of \$20 billion in cash receipts would be under serious threat, of serious damage, because they want to believe that they can operate alone in a world all by themselves in Canada, that they do not have to worry about the rest of the world, that do not have to participate in a world trading system that has rules that have to be observed and a system that needs the rules improved.

Agriculture in Canada and the food industry is big business. Ten per cent of Canada's Gross Domestic Product comes from the industry; it provides 1.6 million jobs, about 15 per cent of all jobs in the country. That is why it is one of the most important priorities of ours. That is why it deserves better attention than this jacked-up, scrambled, disheveled, this confused resolution that we have before us today that states that the future of Canadian agriculture was jeopardized by ill-conceived trade policies, especially the Canada—U.S. trade deal.

The Canada—U.S. trade deal was stated by us to better protect our market access to the United States market, and that is what it is doing.

Mr. Milliken: And you were wrong.

Mr. Ferguson: You should hear what the hog producers have to say about that.

Mr. Crosbie (St. John's West): Whether the hon. gentlemen opposite like it or not, the United States market takes 75 per cent of the exports from Canada. That creates 2 million jobs in Canada. The hon. gentlemen do nothing but bray like donkeys or oink like the hogs that the hon. gentleman is talking about. They bray and they oink about the sins and the policies of the U.S. They complain about the Americans every day in the year. They continually blackguard the Americans and they continually ignore the fact that 75 per cent of all the exports of this country go to the United States of America. When are they going to grow up and start accepting the responsibility, they are responsible as well—for trying to improve our performance. They have to get on with the United States, just as we have to get on with the United States, just as most countries of the world have to get on with the United States of America.