

members in Canadian society will be harmed by the agreement. The agreement should not be undertaken if it limits society's members from making future decisions for the common good. As well, this agreement must not be undertaken if it reduces our ability as a society to protect the environment and our heritage in the natural resource sector. Finally, ordinary citizens should be allowed "to understand what is at stake in the free trade deal" and participate effectively in the decisions of major importance.

Every Canadian must enjoy a quality of life that is personally fulfilling. The free market does not look after the disadvantaged in Canada. We must address the widening gap between the rich and the poor in this country, a gap which is being worsened by the misguided and unfair tax policies of the Mulroney Government and its embracing of free trade. You do not build a strong country by abandoning the poor, the unemployed, the elderly, and the disadvantaged.

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THE JUDICIARY

CREATION OF CENTRE FOR JUDICIAL EDUCATION

Mr. Alan Redway (York East): Mr. Speaker, how would you feel if you went to the hospital for an operation only to discover that, although your doctor has been to medical school, he or she has never been given any courses in surgery, just some on-the-job training? The same way, no doubt, that Canadians feel when they go to court only to discover that, although the judge has been to law school, he or she has not been given any form of judicial education, just on-the-job training.

You know that your surgeon will have received a formal education in his or her profession, Mr. Speaker. Our judges have not. Perhaps that is one reason why, according to public opinion polls, Canadians have lost confidence in our criminal justice system. That is why the announcement by the Minister of Justice (Mr. Hnatyshyn) of the creation of a Canadian Judicial Centre for judicial education is so important. Hopefully the Centre will soon provide courses on the principles of uniform criminal sentencing. That would go a long way to restoring public confidence in the system.

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TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—VISIBLE MINORITIES

Mr. Ernie Epp (Thunder Bay—Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, the Mulroney—Reagan trade deal we began debating today

represents a terrible threat to thousands of visible minority Canadians.

It is clear that the deal will lead to the loss of jobs in the clothing industries of Canada. The Government has recognized that adjustment programs will be required for employees in these and other industries to assist them in finding new work. Unfortunately, however, the visible minority women working in these industries have had little preparation for better jobs. The Government has done nothing to prepare them for a meaningful role in the high-tech future they dream of for Canada.

This trade agreement with the U.S. will force thousands of visible minority Canadians on to unemployment insurance and social assistance rolls. The people at the bottom of Canada's vertical mosaic will end up ground into the dirt by the free trade ambitions of the Conservative Government.

It is cruel to speak of seeking strength for Canada when the weakest in our society will end up on the refuse heap of Canadian industries.

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TRADE

CANADA-U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—POSITION OF NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER

Mr. Rob Nicholson (Niagara Falls): Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the Hon. Member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent) for forwarding to the constituents in my riding material which will increase interest in the trade agreement in the Niagara Falls riding. As a result, I have had a number of calls from people who want to obtain the truth on this important matter in an area that exports 30 per cent of everything it makes to the United States. But the Member for Oshawa has his facts wrong. The Auto Pact safeguards and the Canadian value added commitment remain in place. As well, the Free Trade Agreement encourages newcomers to the North American industry to use more Canadian or American parts and labour. Canadian workers and companies have shown that they can compete for this business. Canadians can be confident that auto and parts manufacturing are here to stay.

The Member for Oshawa would not understand this point, but that is why, in my riding of Niagara Falls, the auto parts industry is so supportive. B. F. Goodrich, Brunner Manufacturing, Hayes Dana, Thompson Products and Ford Motor Corporation are all in favour of this agreement. They know what the people of Oshawa know, that this agreement is good for the auto industry. It is good for Ontario, it is good for Canada because it is good for the Niagara Peninsula.