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## PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF THE UNBORN

**Mr. Pat Nowlan (Annapolis Valley—Hants):** Mr. Speaker, I have the duty to present a petition signed by 97 constituents of my riding. Pursuant to Standing Order 106, the petition has been certified as correct in form and content.

My constituents petition the honourable House of Commons and Parliament assembled and say that at the present time there is no law in Canada protecting the rights of the unborn child from conception to birth. The undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to formulate and legislate a law to protect life from conception, which law will seek to save the life of both mother and child. As in duty bound, your petitioners will ever humbly pray.

## CANADA-U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present two petitions from residents of Winnipeg and towns and villages in Manitoba including Anola and Dugald. One set of petitioners say that the Conservative Government had no mandate from the people to conclude a free trade agreement with the United States. The other group says that the proposed trade agreement not only denies Canadians the secure access to the U.S. market which was the key objective in these negotiations but threatens the loss of hundreds of thousands of jobs.

Therefore, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to dissolve and allow the people of Canada the opportunity to accept or reject the proposed free trade agreement during a national general election.

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[*Translation*]

## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

**Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of State and Minister of State (Treasury Board)):** Mr. Speaker, I ask that the questions be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the questions stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

## CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION ACT

## MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed from Monday, August 29, consideration of the motion of Mr. Crosbie that Bill C-130, an Act to implement the Free Trade Agreement between Canada and the United States of America, be read the third time and passed; and the amendment of Mr. Axworthy:

That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "That" and substituting the following therefor:

"Bill C-130, An Act to implement the Free Trade Agreement between Canada and the United States of America, be not now read a third time but be referred back to the Legislative Committee for the purpose of reconsidering Clause 8."

**Mr. Speaker:** Last night the Hon. Member for Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands (Mr. Manly) introduced a subamendment, an amendment to the amendment submitted by the Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Fort Garry (Mr. Axworthy). Just so that Hon. Members will understand, the amendment by the Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Fort Garry, moved on behalf of the Official Opposition, basically seeks to amend the free trade legislation by referring a certain clause in the Bill back to committee. That amendment, of course, is in order.

The amendment sought by the Hon. Member for Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands was to add to the motion of the Member for Winnipeg—Fort Garry the further words "in the context of an imminent general election". Last night Madam Speaker indicated that she was having some difficulty as to whether that was procedurally in order.

I want to assure Hon. Members that I have given this careful consideration because of the great importance of this particular legislation and this debate.

However, I have given some indication that the Table is having some trouble with the amendment. I have to rule it out of order because, as least in my view, it does not do what a subamendment must do, that is, amend the main amendment, that is the amendment of the Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Fort Garry. It is more a general statement which may well be true when taken in the abstract, but I find that it is not procedurally acceptable.

I point out to Hon. Members of the New Democratic Party that debate will continue and there will, of course, be opportunity to put forward another amendment which, I am sure, after discussion with the Table, might be more acceptable to the Chair. I thank Hon. Members for their understanding.

**Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday when I commenced to debate at about five minutes to ten o'clock I had had the opportunity to mention that Canada's economy was growing, that our unemployment rates had been falling, and that while the successes of our achievements over