

be a warehouse in Toronto! If that is the kind of economy he wants to build, that is not what we want!

#### REQUEST FOR ADJUSTMENT AND EARLY RETIREMENT PROGRAMS

**Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, in advertising paid for by the Government of Canada with taxpayers' money, the Government offers assistance to victims of free trade.

What I am asking the Minister is: What else has he to offer these 131 unemployed workers? Having a warehouse in Toronto will not feed their families next week.

I want to know from the Minister where the adjustment programs are. Where are the early retirement programs? What is he offering these families, instead of stupid answers like those he has given us since yesterday?

[English]

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, all of our government programs will be available to assist anyone laid off as a result of this decision of a private company to consolidate its operations in the interests of the over-all company's productivity.

Operations will continue with one plant operating in western Canada and closing one in the western United States, one plant operating in Massachusetts and unfortunately closing one here in Canada. It has no connection with the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement which is not even in effect yet. It is not suggested by the company that it has any connection, and the hon. gentleman deliberately distorted the facts when he brought that up. No amount of subterfuge can conceal the fact that you do not wish to tell the truth. You are following your Leader. You do not want to tell the truth.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Essex-Windsor.

#### GRAPE GROWING INDUSTRY

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister for International Trade who spoke against a closure motion in 1981 when he was not a Minister. In the course of that speech against closure he said:

"Where are the people with the grapes in their district? They do not care what happens to the grape industry—"

Let me ask the Minister as he sits there with grapes on his desk, is he not the person who now doesn't care about the grape industry in this country?

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, the fact is that three years ago the European Community made a complaint to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, loved and supported by the Liberal and New Democratic opposition Parties. They love the GATT.

#### Oral Questions

They hate the U.S.-Canada relationship but they love GATT and all 96 countries that belong to GATT.

The European Community laid a complaint before GATT that our provincial liquor board practices with reference to liquor and wine were unfair and discriminated against those competing from outside. During the three year period a GATT panel found against a Canadian province, Ontario, and the rules had to be changed—

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**Ms. Copps:** After the trade deal was announced.

**Mr. Crosbie:** —and the protection given to the grape growers by Ontario and other provinces has to end. It does not matter whether the U.S.-Canada agreement never goes through. If it never sees the light of day, grape growers in Ontario are in trouble. We are doing our best to help them, not Members opposite who do not give a darn about them.

#### MINISTER'S POSITION

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor):** Mr. Speaker, that is totally false.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Langdon:** The agreement which was signed with the United States came first. It also put a much faster situation into place to which grape growers had to adjust.

Why is the Minister trying to distort the facts in front of the country? Why is he trying to distort the facts in front of grape growers who are here and who will be able to tell him and tell the country that he is wrong?

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman opposite would not be able to tell the truth if it came up and smacked him right in the chops. He would not recognize it.

**Ms. Copps:** Sit down you buffoon.

**Mr. Cassidy:** Why do you not clean up your act?

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Minister is getting very close to crossing the fine line between colourful language and accusing another Member of not being able to tell the truth, which is pretty close to saying that the Hon. Member is doing something else. I ask the Hon. Minister and other Hon. Members in this Chamber to restrain themselves.

**Some Hon. Members:** Withdraw!

**Mr. Crosbie:** Mr. Speaker, we are subjected to a campaign of untruthfulness from persons who, whether or not they know it, are telling untruths.

Three years ago the European Community took Canada—

**Ms. Copps:** Quit lying!