

Adjournment Debate

First, let me state that when the U.S. department of commerce made its preliminary determination of subsidy on March 6, instructions were issued to apply the bonding rate on the price at the border, rather than the price at the mill. The result was that in-Canada transportation costs were incorporated into the calculations and lumber remanufacturers had to post bond on the total value-added price of the lumber.

This problem has been resolved. After representations from the Canadian government, the department of commerce has issued new instructions to U.S. customs to assess the bonds against the value of the lumber at the mill rather than at the border. This change is retroactive to March 12.

Transportation costs will be excluded from the calculations and the remanufacturers will have to post bond only on the value of the timber, rather than the total value-added price. This will provide considerable relief

to the reloader yards, the remanufacturers, and the lumber wholesalers.

Discussions are continuing with the Department of Commerce regarding the U.S.-origin logs issue which is of particular concern to Quebec. As well, the department of commerce agreed to our request for a special blanket bonding. Canadian exporters will not have to post bond on each shipment to the United States, as is normally the case in this process. This will alleviate the administrative burden on Canadian exporters.

In conclusion, our position in this case is unchanged—that is to remain united and fight the case through to the end and win.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ferland): The motion that the House do now adjourn is deemed adopted. The House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock, pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 6.41 p.m.
