

*Government Orders*

**Mr. Dingwall:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will certainly oblige with the Chair's direction but perhaps the hon. member, in reflection when he is making his comments, could indicate to the House if he is deliberately misleading the House in terms of what he has just said.

**Mr. Skelly (North Island—Powell River):** Mr. Speaker, of course the acid truth of this is to have the leader of the Liberal Party stand up and say: "We will cancel the trade agreement, we will end the GST and we will not sign a North American trade agreement". That is not what they are saying publicly.

In this House of Commons the Prime Minister indicated during debate one day that no country which has a bad human rights record should receive Canadian aid or trade. The Liberals moved an amendment to delete that so that the trade agreement could go ahead.

We have a very clear choice in Canada today. As much as my colleagues in the Liberal Party protest it, their position is no different from that of the Conservative Party. Canadians wait with bated breath to hear them say that they will get rid of that trade agreement with the United States, that thing that destroys our sovereignty, hands control of our energy over to the Americans, allows complete buy-out of Canadian industries and watches Canadian factories and jobs go across the line.

• (1630)

It is clearly on the record. There is an understanding that the Liberals cannot give up the corporate donations. They are badly in debt and badly damaged from the last years wandering in the wilderness. They have no policy that appeals to Canadians. Unfortunately we have a situation where they say that they will tinker with it and make it better for people, but in fact they will keep the GST, the trade agreement with the United States and the trade agreement with Mexico.

Every Canadian stands and waits for members of the Liberal Party to stand up and say that they will abandon these destructive instruments of the Tory government. To date they have not done that. They say they will keep

them and use them as well as the Conservative government has done.

On the other hand, the NDP says that if we are elected they are over: the GST will end, the Canada-U.S. trade agreement will end, and there will not be a North American trade agreement.

It is a matter of fundamental choice for Canadians. We have the Conservative Party that says it will not be deterred by the fact that it is the most unpopular government in Canadian history and that it would rather be right than enjoy the confidence of the people.

Then we have the Liberal Party that told Canadians in 1974 that it would not impose wage and price controls. Then once in power it imposed wage and price controls. People in Canada know and understand the Liberal Party as the purveyors of untruth and fiction.

Today we have an opportunity for those who moan and bellow in the House, those who have been wounded by the truth, to stand and tell Canadians that they will get rid of the GST because of the destruction it has wreaked on Canada, they will get rid of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement because of the destructive impact it has had on Canada, and that they will not participate in a Mexican involvement in a North American free trade agreement because of the tremendous unfairness to Canada and Mexico.

Their leader runs and hides every time these critical questions come up. At least the leader of the Conservative Party, the Prime Minister of Canada has no qualms about standing out there and saying: "I do not care what you think. I am right". But the leader of the Liberal Party waffles and shifts. Nevertheless, when his members are cornered they make the statement that they are in favour of the GST, in favour of the Canada-U.S. trade agreement and in favour of the Mexican agreement.

On the other hand, the NDP believes that these instruments of the Conservative government are among the most destructive things that have ever been inflicted on Canada. Once elected, an NDP government will banish those from the land.