

concerned, he speaks of names and sticks and stones. I would accuse the Hon. Member of being a coward, because he has made repeated statements in the House that he does not dare to repeat outside the House. He is abusing his parliamentary immunity.

Mr. Chrétien: Big chicken.

Mr. Nowlan: He knows I can't answer him. You know I can't answer. You are the coward.

Mr. Chrétien: Big chicken.

Mr. Nowlan: You have no political morality. Always smear, Jean, when you are in trouble.

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AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

TASK FORCE REPORT—RECOMMENDATION THAT FOREIGN FIRMS SHOULD CREATE JOBS IN CANADA

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. In 1980 in Windsor, the Prime Minister promised not only the people in that community but Canadians at large that the Government of Canada, and his Party specifically, if elected, would produce an over-all industrial strategy and a particular strategy for the automotive industry, which currently employs 100,000 men and women directly and many more thousands indirectly across Canada.

Yesterday a task force report which represented a consensus from automotive companies, automotive parts producers and the trade union movement, produced such a strategy which it recommended to the Government. As the Leader of the Government, does the Prime Minister accept the key principle of that report, which is that foreign automotive producers ought to produce jobs in Canada in rough proportion to their sales in this country? Does he accept the principle that, if they are going to make profits from Canadians, they ought to be producing jobs for Canadians?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member refers to a report which he says was made public yesterday. I am sorry but I have not been made familiar with the contents of that report.

Mr. Broadbent: I did not expect the Prime Minister to be familiar with the content. That is why I did not ask him about specific details of the report. If some of the Ministers responsible in that area were in the House, it would have been helpful.

REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT ACCEPT PRINCIPLE OF RECOMMENDATION

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Mr. Speaker, I am asking the Prime Minister a fundamental question of principle. I come back to his own commitment to produce a strategy. The

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principle involved is whether other automotive producers around the world such as the Japanese, French, and Germans, now have to meet the same standards that we imposed upon the American producers back in 1965, namely, that they have to provide job guarantees and investment guarantees in this country if they are going to sell here.

Given the implications for the future of thousands of existing jobs and potential jobs, will the Prime Minister commit the Government to accepting the principle that, if automotive producers will be selling to Canadians, they must invest in order to produce jobs for Canadians?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I cannot accept that principle without having read the report. It may be that that principle is ensclosed in a certain number of guarded phrases, and it may be in the context of a particular auto pact that we have with the United States.

As a principle of international trade, surely it is impossible for a trading country like Canada to assert that anything that is sold in Canada must be counter balanced by investment for jobs in Canada. It would be impossible for Canada itself to meet those standards in our sales in every country. We try to sell at prices and values which are competitive in the market. We do not make demands of all those who are buying our goods, and we would not want them to demand of us that we would have to create a certain number of jobs in their country or to bring a certain amount of investment to their country in order to have the privilege of selling to their consumers.

Mr. Broadbent: I simply point out to the Prime Minister that the Japanese have agreed to start producing in the United States. They have agreed to start producing in Great Britain, West Germany, Venezuela, Mexico, and Australia, to name just a few countries that have Governments which are interested in producing a manufacturing base in their nations and have solidly imposed these standards to which the Japanese have agreed.

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Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Does the Prime Minister not agree that we ought to be a nation that not simply exports our resources but also creates a dynamic and imaginative manufacturing sector, and that the automotive sector is key to that principle?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, of course I have been making that point in just about every country I visit, including Japan. As far as attempting to achieve that result is concerned the answer is that there is no disagreement.

The Hon. Member asked if I accept the general principle. I told him that I could not accept the general principle for the reasons I gave. But in a specific case, that is a matter for negotiation between countries, and the Minister responsible for international trade has previously answered those questions in the House. He is trying to get the best possible deal from those