

AGRICULTURE

SUPPLY MANAGEMENT PRODUCTS—PROTECTION FROM IMPORTS ADVOCATED

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Mr. Speaker, the Government's aim in free trade would ultimately lead to goods being produced in Canada only if those goods could not be produced and transported to Canada more cheaply from somewhere else.

The Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Wise) and the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) have indicated that they will not guarantee protection from imports for products which are presently under supply management in agriculture. If such a policy is followed in agricultural products, dairy and egg boards would not be able survive.

New Democrats call upon the Government to state categorically that it will protect supply management products from cheaper imports even if it does sign a free trade agreement with the United States.

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YOUTH

ESTABLISHMENT OF GENERAL POLICY—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Gilles Grondin (Saint-Maurice): Mr. Speaker, in an interview he gave the newspaper *La Presse* last March, the Minister of State for Youth (Mr. Charest) made it clear that he had given up the idea of establishing a general youth policy. These were the words he used, and I quote:

The way to help youth is not by adding new programs or spending more money. We have to consider the general context and the Government's over-all strategy.

Mr. Speaker, it is a sorry state of affairs indeed, when the Minister of State for Youth decides to drop the idea of implementing a special youth policy for Canadians. The present infrastructures are definitely inadequate, and the problems facing our young people such as drugs, illiteracy, poverty and AIDS demand the development of real policies.

The Minister has no right to use a drop in the unemployment rate to justify his failure to act at a time when in many areas the unemployment rate has reached alarming proportions.

Mr. Speaker, what are we supposed to think when a Minister of State for Youth publicly refuses to help youth with concrete measures? What are young Canadians supposed to think?

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[English]

SHIPBUILDING

CANADIAN FRIGATE PROGRAM—AWARDING OF SECOND PHASE CONTRACTS

Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland—Kent): Mr. Speaker, the first phase of the Canadian Frigate Program is moving on schedule. Saint John Shipbuilding Ltd. has put together a most effective team of management, design and trades people and the team is now ready to proceed with the second phase of this program.

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Under the present phase, benefits are shared in the following manner: 23 per cent to New Brunswick, 52 per cent to Quebec, 20 per cent to Ontario and 5 per cent to western Canada.

Under the second phase with six ships being built in Saint John, only 52.6 per cent of the benefits would stay in Atlantic Canada and 47 per cent would be distributed to the other provinces of Canada.

If cost has anything to do with the awarding of this contract, the entire second phase will be awarded to Saint John Shipbuilding Ltd. because it can deliver the best, most cost effective contract to the Canadian taxpayer.

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THE DISABLED AND THE HANDICAPPED

SUPPORT URGED FOR MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS CAMPAIGN

Mr. Roland de Corneille (Eglinton—Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, today three members of the Subcommittee on the Disabled and the Handicapped were able to take part in the launching of a campaign here at the House of Commons on behalf of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. The society itself was well represented here at the House of Commons.

I would like to bring to the attention of Members of the House that the Red Carnation Drive which begins this month is aimed at encouraging Members of Parliament, and through them the entire nation, to understand more fully the importance of the research which is required in this field and will be important in limiting the number of disabled and handicapped people. It is aimed as well at bringing to Canadians an understanding of the affliction this disease brings and of the fact that we are all susceptible to becoming in some way disabled or handicapped at any moment in our lifetimes.