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When Canadians find out that this particular item, this business of the pharmaceutical deal between the international drug bandits and the Mulroney government, is in the North American trade agreement they are going to go crazy.

The other day we had the member for Winnipeg South standing up in this House and saying: "They are crying fire in the theatre and terrorizing pensioners". Crap, absolute crap.

Mr. Dick: Watch your language.

Mr. Skelly (North Island—Powell River): Watch my language. I cannot speak strongly enough to describe this heinous deal in the House.

Mr. Dick ought to be standing up here and apologizing to people in Canada. Outrageous.

Mr. Milliken: Watch your blood pressure.

Mr. Skelly (North Island—Powell River): Watch my blood pressure. As a matter of fact in the 24 pages of full-page ads on this garbage in the last *Post* we certainly see the national drug pedlars, Judy Erola, Canada's chief drug pedlar, out selling stuff, straight advertising promotion, nothing to do with the health of Canadians.

The key thing in this is that as part of the North American trade agreement people the of Canada are going to go crazy when they find out Mr. Mulroney has sold them out to the tune of a billion dollars.

It is acknowledged by health care economists on both sides that the drug companies have scored enormously. I do not know what Mr. Mulroney did with Bush out in the boat, but it certainly has a very serious impact for Canadians.

I want to finish by saying this is outrageous crap. The last *Post* and other documents that show this kind of propaganda should be got rid of right now.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): I would appreciate it if the hon. member would respect the rules of this House.

Mrs. Dorothy Dobbie (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Minister of State (Agriculture)): Mr. Speaker, that outrageous outburst by the member opposite just goes to show they are not particularly serious about the details of this bill, which is a very good bill for Canada, but instead are trying to score partisan points because they are looking

forward to an election. I think the bill is too important for that.

Members of the NDP are always talking about the need for more jobs. They sound a bit like a broken record: jobs, jobs, jobs. This bill will create the kind of investment opportunity that will ensure there are jobs for Canadians.

The member opposite talked a lot about increases in a story in *The New York Times*. He surprises me because on the one hand he is telling us what a bunch of evil people, what an evil empire we have to the south of us in the United States, and on the other hand he quotes an American journal as if it were the gospel and as if it had all the answers Canadians do not have.

The facts are simple and perhaps the member would like to comment on them. The increase in the cost of purchases by pharmacies and hospitals of all prescription and behind the counter drugs due to the removal of compulsory licensing is predicted to be less than 0 per cent in the first year. This will gradually increase to 2 per cent by the year 2000. Those are the simple facts. Perhaps the hon. member would like to explain why he believes an American journal over what the federal government has to say.

Mr. Skelly (North Island—Powell River): Mr. Speaker, it is simple. It is either absolute stupidity or an attempt to carry on the lie that we have any kind of benefit from this. These people would have done it anyway.

Why did they allow this to go into the North American trade agreement? The Americans and the Canadian economists say we are going to lose a billion dollars in the next eight years. When she goes back to Winnipeg South she is going to be politically stoned for this. I think she was stoned when she came in and tried to argue the point of view.

Some hon. members: Order, order.

Mr. Shields: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. My friend who just sat down has done a number of things during his speech that I think he should be checked up on. First, he referred to "the Mulroney deal", knowing that he is not supposed to refer to the Prime Minister other than as the Prime Minister. Second, he referred to Paul Dick as Mr. Dick, and he knows he is not supposed to do that. Also he just accused an hon. member from this side of the House of being stoned.