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slightly archaic to me. Many people have been using notes. I am sure that the Hon. Member is really for debate, as are all Hon. Members in this House. As we were reminded a few moments ago, there is very little time left for debating this Bill. I am sure that the Hon. Member will want everyone who can speak at this time to speak. Therefore, we will not waste any more time on archaic points of order.

The Hon. Member for South West Nova.

[Translation]

**Mr. Gérald Comeau (South West Nova):** Madam Speaker, I am just using copious notes anyway, and if the Hon. Member for Windsor—Walkerville (Mr. McCurdy) does not like comments about his great leader from Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent), what can we do about it? That's his problem!

[English]

Members of the NDP like to dish it out, but they cannot take it.

Returning to my precious notes, I wish to refer to the benefits that will accrue to Atlantic Canadians. First, it will give us more assured and improved access to American markets and an end to the continued trade harassment which has been affecting industries in Atlantic Canada for the past few years.

If the Hon. Member for Windsor—Walkerville were to check with his Atlantic Canadian colleagues, he would know that every two or three years the American fishermen come after us and attempt to place countervail on our fish. Under the free trade agreement, it will be much more difficult for American fishermen to come after our fishermen and attempt to take away our markets.

By removing the tariffs on processed goods that we export, we can do more value-added processing, thereby creating jobs in fish plants, saw mills, farms, and manufacturing facilities. We have shipped our raw resources long enough. With the removal of tariffs on processed fish, we will be able to produce consumer ready products such as TV dinners, adding value in Canada and creating jobs in Atlantic Canada.

It does not stop with fish. We will be able to use our vegetables from our farms in TV dinners. The value adding plants will require construction workers, electricians, plumbers, and repair people. As far as the NDP is concerned, this will create jobs in Atlantic Canada and we cannot have Atlantic Canada enjoying some prosperity. The NDP is against Atlantic Canadians.

The energy provisions of the agreement will assist hydrocarbon and energy development in Atlantic Canada. Security of access and stronger foreign investment guarantees will spur exploration and development of Atlantic Canada's energy resource base.

The socialists have painted a picture of doom and gloom, a picture of what they say are the three evils of the Government.

Those three evils are: privatization, deregulation, and free trade.

**An Hon. Member:** Right on.

**Mr. Comeau:** They are saying "right on". They are against privatization, deregulation, and free trade. This means that they support the opposite. They are for nationalization or state control of business, regulation, and central planning by the NDP, and finally, if they are against free trade, they are against trade. Simply stated, they want increased state bureaucratic and political intervention in the market-place, more central planning from Ottawa, and the creation of more Crown corporations.

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The opposite of a national free trade policy is isolation, protectionism, and no trade. It means building a fortress Canada, insular and paranoid. Even socialist Russia has realized that centralized bureaucratic planning and intervention in the market-place is inefficient. It leads to low wages, low standards of living, food shortages, and long line-ups. You would think that Canadian socialists would learn from the experience of their socialist counterparts in the U.S.S.R. Business and entrepreneurship are dirty words to the socialists and the big union leadership.

We have heard the anti-American rhetoric. We saw the sheer anger when Margaret Thatcher said it like it was, when she dared to say the truth in the House of Commons about free trade and NATO. We all know what will happen if the NDP and the Liberals form a coalition Government. They will be against trade, against NATO, and they will drive this country into the ground.

I appreciate the opportunity, Madam Speaker, to have said a few words.

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**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** The Hon. Minister of Trade on a point of order.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** I am sorry, the Hon. Minister of State.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Lewis:** Madam Speaker, that is about the only thing I have not done in the last week.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** If I may, I want to apologize for the slip of the tongue at this late hour. I certainly