

Similar to the pressures to harmonize our economic and social policies with those of the U.S., there will also be eventual pressure by business to standardize Canadian and U.S. environmental protection. This is a very obvious conclusion.

In order for companies in Canada to compete with companies on the other side of the border, their production costs must be of an equal nature. Canadians cannot allow this to happen, because if they do—and the record of past American Governments proves how small a priority the environment is to them—future generations of Canadians will never forgive us for our insensitive and uncaring policies of the 1980s. The environment and the protection of our environment are our gifts to future generations. Let us as parliamentarians never lose sight of this objective.

During the election campaign, the citizens of Kenora—Rainy River continually indicated to me their disgust of the American style of politics used by the Tory Party. One particular advertisement which the Tories used on the radio went like this: “A vote against the Free Trade Agreement is like shooting yourself in the foot, but a vote for the NDP and John Turner and the Liberal Party is like shooting yourself in the head”. Is this any way to set an example to the young people of Canada who are listening to this type of garbage?

The last election campaign was like a nightmare. It got so bad that I had people tell me at the door that they were no longer watching the news at night. Seniors in particular could not believe how downright slimy this Party had stooped to become. I am sure this election campaign will go down in history as being the most distasteful the electorate of Canada has ever seen.

What I disliked most, if it is possible to dislike something the most considering the number of flaws in the deal, was the virtual giveaway of our ability to regulate American foreign investment in Canada. We in the Liberal Party have always believed that foreign investment is good for Canada, but simply to open the doors to foreign investment without insisting on some performance rules, job creation or screening, is just plain suicide.

It is essential that the Conservative Party exercises its right as the ruling Party to allow amendments which will restrict the complete takeover of Canada by American interests. If these amendments are not forthcoming, the fragile economy of northern Ontario will be in jeopardy. I respectfully ask government Members and

all Members of the House to consider the implications as I have outlined them.

Mr. Crosbie: Mr. Chairman, I rise more in sorrow than in anger. I have been here pretty well all day waiting to hear one original thought, one new argument, one new point that any member of the Official Opposition or the unofficial opposition could bring up in connection with the Free Trade Agreement, and there was not one new point. There were no new points. We have been subjected all day today and all day yesterday to a series of repetitious points, the same hackneyed, false points that were made during the election campaign by the same false, hackneyed people, some of whom got elected to the House.

The best illustration of the kind of campaign that was waged against the Free Trade Agreement I can think of was when a Liberal candidate in Newfoundland, who turned out to be successful, met a young woman walking down the road in a rural area. She was eight months pregnant and he went up to her and said: “You know, that is the last free one you will be having”. That is the kind of campaign that was waged against the Free Trade Agreement by Liberal candidates, and they should be ashamed of themselves for waging such a campaign.

The proof of the pudding will be in the eating. I prophesize that in a year's time, in two years' time, in three years' time, in four years' time, we will not hear another word from members of the Opposition about the Free Trade Agreement because they will be afraid to utter a word against it when the next election comes. We are hearing the last kick at the cat by this mangy collection opposite.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Crosbie: It was Mark Twain—

Mr. Boudria: He is a well-known Canadian.

Mr. Crosbie: He was an American. There are some well-known Canadians, but it was Mark Twain who said that if you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not fight you. That is the principal difference between a dog and a man. That is also the principal difference between a man and a Liberal or a man and an NDPer. We will make them prosperous against their own will, against the struggle they have put up against the Free Trade Agreement. The difference between them and the dog is that they will be biting us in four years' time instead of thanking us.