

the Minister for International Trade calls justice, if we are to take seriously what he stated tonight.

I have here an example from one of my industrial people who stated:

You and your colleagues have certainly heard enough from the solid wood industry across Canada regarding the devastating effect of Bill C-37 on their industry. We as a company do not promote the abdication of replacement measures to satisfy the U.S. protectionists. The inequities created by this legislation can only be exacerbated by this approach. We do, however, appeal to our elected representatives to find a way to stop the bleeding in the White and Red Pine industry before it is too late. The casualties are piling up.

He goes on to state:

Our . . . operation has probably been hit harder than most because we had geared our 1976-1977 rebuilding program and product policy to the U.S. market. We developed a good customer base and distribution system in the Northeastern States.

Our volume to the U.S. has dropped from 60 per cent to 39 per cent and the effect of our redirection of volume to the domestic market has caused a glut here at home and prices have dropped to unacceptable levels for everyone.

You are giving me the high sign, Mr. Speaker. I have some other things that I would like to put on the record. Eastern white pine has a traditional distinct place in the United States market, and that is a case for white and red pine product exclusion from the proposed U.S. duty on Canadian softwoods.

I would be glad to give this list to the Minister for International Trade to help him fight the battle.

The volume of eastern white pine exported to the United States is diminishing, and in effect is insignificant. It is \$72 million, over \$14 billion, or one-half per cent. That is what is being fought over in the United States. It was never the intention—and this is the important thing that I want the Minister for International Trade to hear—of the petitioners for countervailing duty to have the duty applied to eastern white pine. Eastern white pine does not impact on the price of U.S. pine species. This is evidenced by the fact that the United States pine prices did not increase upon the imposition of the preliminary 15 per cent duty on October 16, 1986. Wood costs to eastern Canadian white pine mills is comparatively high, and cannot be regarded as subsidized.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is there unanimous consent in the House to give the Hon. Member two more minutes to complete his speech?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

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**Mr. Hopkins:** I thank all Members of the House for allowing me to put two more items on the record.

The unwarranted U.S. duty is causing unnecessary and devastating injury to the eastern Canadian producers. The already tenuous margins in this business are eliminated and the survival of the industry is at stake. Because of the insignificant volume and co-mingling of species, red pine should also be excluded from any duty.

I thank Hon. Members of the House for allowing me to complete my speech.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** On questions and comments the Hon. Member for Okanagan—Shuswap.

**Mr. MacWilliam:** Although it may be presumptuous of me, as a new member of the House I wish to thank the Hon. Member for his comments regarding the challenge faced by new members in the Chamber. It has been a fairly active two weeks. Certainly, with regard to maiden speeches, it has been rather difficult for some Members to deliver those. It is a daunting challenge for all of us. I appreciate the comments made by my Hon. colleague in that regard.

I share the concerns of the Hon. Member regarding the third party advertising and political activity that has obviously taken place in this past campaign.

**Mr. Crosbie:** Like the union movement.

**Mr. MacWilliam:** The Member indicated that money does speak very loudly, and that certainly was the case in this campaign.

**Mr. Crosbie:** Yes, from the CLC and all your union buddies.

**Mr. MacWilliam:** Big money made itself very well heard in the 1988 election. In future, changes must be made to ensure that fairness does prevail.

With regard to the rather vituperative and inflammatory rhetoric that has often dominated this Chamber in the past two weeks, I am sure that many Canadians watching must wonder what they are paying us to do. When they listen to the discussions and the tenor of the debate, it gives them every reason to tend to lose confidence in the proceedings in the Chamber.

Earlier the Hon. Member mentioned that it is an honour to serve the House. It certainly is an honour for all new Members. I feel excited about it. In the election campaign many of us were called liars throughout the campaign. I agree with the Member that that type of