

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Rossi:** Why don't you answer the question, you dumb no-no?

**Mr. Crosbie:** There is an intelligent comment. That is the first time I have ever heard the hon. gentleman speak in the House.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** The Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition.

## UNITED STATES DISCUSSION DRAFT

**Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I suppose we should encourage the Minister to continue just as he is doing because he is becoming the best salesman against this deal. If I thought it my responsibility to caution him, I would say that Canadians do not like clowning around with a most important political item affecting this country.

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

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** In this discussion draft the United States Congress singles out, despite our agreement with the United States, specific attacks that will outrank the agreement in terms of its drafting priorities, attacks on programs for assisting farmers, our coal industry, our mining and smelting industries, our forestry, our fisheries, our poultry industry, the Crow's Nest rate, our auto parts industry, our energy and even our cultural industries. In terms of the legislation contemplated by the United States—

**Mr. McDermid:** Nobody believes you any more, John.

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** It's right in the document, my friend, it's right in the document. Go back to Brampton and consult a man who understood what this deal was all about.

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

**Mr. McDermid:** I will debate you there any time. Come on down again, John.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition has the floor.

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** The Americans, despite all of that, in this document intend to slam with heavy penalties any Canadian industries that grab a larger share of the American market than the U.S. trade representative thinks proper, right within the terms of the instructions for the American drafting.

This deal is worse than we thought. The Prime Minister did not have the guts to stand up to the Americans. I ask him, has he got the guts to stand up to Canadians and call a General Election so that Canadians can have an opportunity to—

**Some Hon. Members:** Question.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Minister.

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to explain again the American governmental system. There is a separation between the executive and the legislative branch, and the legislative branch known as Congress does not trust the executive always.

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The congressional drafting rule is that they do not wish to have any legislation that amends any other legislation unless they know specifically what has been amended. Although the U.S. administration suggested there be a clause in their legislation which would state that any possible inconsistent federal legislation should be overridden by this particular Bill, the congressional committees changed that recommendation back to their traditional practice.

I would suggest to the hon. gentleman, after he consults Legal Aid, that he go down and address his objection to the American congressional committees. We simply do not control them.

## COMMERCIAL BLOOD BANKS

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is also directed to the Prime Minister if he has the courage to respond.

**Some Hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Speaker:** I know the Hon. Member will want to put her question properly.

**Ms. Copps:** Last Friday, in response to questions about why commercial blood banks are included under the trade agreement, the Minister for International Trade stated: "Whether people wish to sell their blood for profit or not is, I suppose, up to the individual". I ask the Prime Minister whether that is the position of the Government.

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement has no more effect on the provision of blood and blood services in Canada than would a vampire bat down in Central America. No one in Canada is forced by the agreement to sell blood or have anything to do with blood. The Canadian Red Cross Society will continue with the blood service it now provides.

It is just like water. The agreement does not force Canada to sell or transfer water. It does not force us to charge for blood or sell any blood. The question is quite irrelevant. Why does the Hon. Member persist in this kind of footling nonsense?

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## MARKETING OF BLOOD—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Prime Minister why, if there is no connection