

Government Orders

The government has imposed closure on this legislation today. This legislation is part of the North American trade agreement, an outrageous piece of sellout of Canadian people by the Mulroney government, locking us into an agreement, compromising sovereignty and putting us into a situation that is going to gut the Canadian economy.

One provision in there is to steal a billion dollars from senior citizens and low income Canadians through this outrageous piece of legislation that removes generic drugs. It allows these international drug company bandits to steal for 20 years from Canadians and to provide false information. We should be abolishing the right of those individuals to give away free samples to physicians to increase the production and distribution of these drugs, especially when there are cheaper ones available. We should be supporting a program for a national formulary to reduce the number of drugs we are putting on the Canadian market.

There is an excellent book by Michael Rachlis and Carol Kushner entitled *Second Opinion*. I recommend it to anyone. It basically states that most of the drug company research is not into new drug development that helps Canadians. It is into how to duplicate the effect with a different chemical that can be promoted in Canada. I sincerely recommend that book to everyone in the House and in the country. *Second Opinion* really gives an extremely good outline on how we are being totally hoodwinked by both the Mulroney government and the international drug companies on this important issue.

I see that time is drawing nigh. In summary, let us abolish the right of these dope pedlars to advertise and promote. Let us get rid of the ability to give away free samples and get rid of the ability to put this outrageous literature in the pseudo-newspapers and professional newspapers that are coming out. Let us get rid of Judy Erola, Canada's top dope pedlar, while we are at it.

Another thing that is absolutely critical is that we should be setting up a national formulary to help Canadians at least prevent some of the haemorrhaging away of the billion of dollars the Mulroney government has given to the international drug companies.

The last thing on the list is to have the Liberals clearly stand up and say they are going to abolish this legislation, along with the NDP. It is an outrageous piece of work.

Mr. Ian Waddell (Port Moody—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, I have a question and a short comment. The member mentioned the Conservative government. He also mentioned the North American free trade deal and tied the drug bill into that potential agreement.

Why does he think the government is persisting in policies rejected by a vast majority of Canadians, both in the drug deal and now with NAFTA?

I want to give him an example. On September 9, the Conservative government flatly rejected, as he knows, the New Democrats demand that the government ask the people of Canada whether or not they supported the new North American free trade deal.

I took the initiative, I will tell the member in the House, and I held a referendum in my own riding of Port Moody—Coquitlam. I asked my constituents: "Do you support Canada's participation in the North American free trade agreement with the U.S. and Mexico?" The response was overwhelming. In all my years as a member of Parliament, now going into my 14th year, I have never seen such a display of outrage. Within two weeks I had received 1,289 replies; 1,163 of my constituents said no to NAFTA while a mere 123 said yes, and 3 constituents wanted more information. That means 90.2 per cent of my constituents oppose Canada's participation in NAFTA and only 9.5 per cent support it.

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In this survey my constituents clearly spoke out against NAFTA which is supported by the Conservative government and by the Liberal Party.

Why are the government and the Liberal Party not listening to the views of a vast majority of Canadians?

Mr. Milliken: That is a very silly question.

Mr. Skelly (North Island—Powell River): Mr. Speaker, my Liberal colleague down the way says that is a silly question. The important thing is that we have some documentary evidence before the House on how much Canadian people hate this government. The referendum went into the gutter as much as anything else because of absolute hatred. The proportions were outrageous.