

*Oral Questions***FOREIGN INVESTMENT REVIEW AGENCY**

OBSERVANCE OF COMMITMENTS BY FOREIGN INVESTORS

Mr. Epp: Clifford Sifton.

Mr. Trudeau: The Hon. Member, in asking his question, referred to a quote in the speech. Who was he quoting?

Mr. Andre: A Grit.

Mr. Trudeau: Who was the Minister quoting? That is what I am asking him.

Mr. Epp: Supplementary!

Madam Speaker: The Hon. Member for Yorkton-Melville.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Hnatyshyn: It was a quote of your friend, Clifford Sifton.

Mr. McDermid: Double standard again, Madam Speaker.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: With approval, with approval!

Mr. Trudeau: Madam Speaker—

Madam Speaker: Order.

Mr. Trudeau: Come on. Have the courage to say it.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: With approval!

Mr. Trudeau: What a lot of—

Mr. Hnatyshyn: You're good at giving advice, but—

Mr. Trudeau: What a coward!

Madam Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. McDermid: Double standard!

Mr. Trudeau: What standard? What does Clifford Sifton have to do with me, you imbecile?

Madam Speaker: Order, please. I heard the Hon. Member. He was asking for a supplementary. However, at this time we are already five minutes late in recognizing the NDP. Therefore, I must recognize the NDP because we are five minutes late moving to that party. I recognize the Hon. Member for Yorkton-Melville.

Mr. Epp: Madam Speaker—

Mr. Nystrom: My question is for the Minister of Industry.

Mr. McGrath: Saved by the NDP.

Mr. Epp: I don't think it is funny either.

Mr. Trudeau: Why don't you have the honesty to say who you are quoting, somebody who has been dead one hundred years, you creep? What a phony.

Madam Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): My question is directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, Madam Speaker. Last week a senior official of FIRA said that an increasing number of foreign investors are not keeping the promises they made as a condition of entering Canada. The Minister knows that he has the legal sanctions of the Act to ensure that those conditions are kept. Why has the Minister not taken action to ensure that they keep the conditions when they enter this country? If he does not take any action, how can he expect us to take FIRA seriously?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member raises a very good point, and the officials of FIRA have been most vigilant in looking at each one of these cases which, I understand, represent only about 6 or 7 per cent of the total cases that have been decided, where the company in question has not lived up to its original commitment. After investigation, we discovered that most of those conditions were not lived up to because of market conditions. As the Hon. Member knows, the capacity utilization throughout the industrialized world is 50 per cent, 60 per cent, or 70 per cent, in many sectors. So, it is very difficult for an applicant to live up to a commitment of investment when those conditions exist internationally.

Mr. Epp: Supplementary.

Mr. Nystrom: Madam Speaker, in the last three months, the Minister has allowed 99 per cent of the takeover applications to go ahead, which is even worse than Jack Horner.

CONNAUGHT LABORATORIES—LEASING OF INSULIN FACILITIES

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Madam Speaker, I think we know that one of the most important inventions by Canadians was insulin, by Banting and Best. Last week Connaught Laboratories, owned by the CDC, let it be known that it intends to lease its insulin-producing facilities to a foreign firm. I would like to know what the Minister is doing, or what FIRA will do to ensure that the production of this very important product remains here in Canadian hands.

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): First of all, Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member is very specific in his choice of figures about approvals. He also forgot to mention that last year, through FIRA approvals, we negotiated \$3 billion of investment by firms in this country. That investment will create jobs, and I have always thought that is what the NDP is pushing. He also forgot to mention that we created or preserved over 30,000 jobs through FIRA proposals last year.

Mr. Nystrom: How about insulin?