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is nothing we can do about that. But with the Free Trade Agreement there will be a dispute settlement mechanism where Canadians will have the same representation as the Americans. We will be able to have our say and defend our rights. Right now we do not have anything at all.

There is one sector where, for all practical purposes, free trade is already a fact of life. I am talking about the Auto Pact which, through sheer coincidence, happens to be in southern Ontario. They enjoy the kind of economic prosperity which is the envy of all Canadians, and all regions of Canada should be in a similar situation. When I heard somebody mention the name of Bob White a moment ago, a man who spoke against free trade and who was against the Conservative Party, I am not surprised because he is an egoist who rules and says: What is good for me is good for me but only me. He already enjoys the benefits of free trade. His members are already protected under the Auto Pact, but they do not want others to have the same privileges. With the advent of free trade, within a few years the entire country's economy will be growing and flourishing just as fast as it is now in southern Ontario.

That is what Canada means, a Canada fair to everyone! I always dreamed in my youth, in my life, of being able one day to be part of this great, beautiful country called Canada. But today I am doubly proud of this great, beautiful country which is just, fair and open everywhere and to everyone because I am one of those who have such a vision of openness, of tolerance, of acceptance, of prosperity, and when I say prosperity, it is not only for us today; I am thinking of our children's and grandchildren's future. That is what I have sought in my life and what I have found in Canada.

But I am still concerned that not all Canadians have understood this yet. I am disappointed to see the Liberal Party and the NDP opposed to this boost to the economy, to this open-mindedness and free trade. I am disappointed because after all, they are Canadians, but Canadians who have understood nothing, and I hope that one day they will understand and also begin to keep their commitments and their word.

Madam Speaker, do you know that in the past, out of ignorance, I must say, I supported the Liberal Party, in a way, and I must admit—

**An Hon. Member:**—out of great ignorance.

**Mr. Lopez:**—and I must admit, it was out of great ignorance. But you know that it is never too late to learn. I found out about seven or eight years ago, but

you over there have still not learned! And the way you are going, you will never understand.

Madam Speaker, in 1979, the Liberal Party campaigned on four points: deficit reduction, lower unemployment, lower interest rates and also the business of the 18-cent/gallon gasoline tax. But a few months after they were elected, they did the exact opposite of what they had promised. It does not surprise me at all that a few days ago, they said that they were prepared to cooperate on free trade and today, they have done an about-face and are saying completely the opposite. This is typical of the Liberal Party of Canada and I ask Canadians to get rid as soon as possible of a party that does not keep its word.

● (2020)

[*English*]

**Mr. Ross Harvey (Edmonton East):** Madam Speaker, I must confess to you at the outset that I stand here as, possibly, the unhappy subject of a cruel and bitter irony. It is that I, the first, and for four years, the only elected member of the New Democratic Party from the Province of Alberta, find myself seriously considering rising in this House, for the first time, to speak to some degree in favour of a device proposed by members of the government Party.

The Hon. Member for Simcoe North (Mr. Lewis) and the Hon. Member for Calgary West (Mr. Hawkes) have brought forward an amendment that would seem to address one small part of the overwhelming problem that confronts this House in Government Motion No. 1. The motion proposes to trample on the rights of committees that would otherwise consider Public Bills brought forward in this ostensibly brief session, and the amendment proposes to restrict it just to Bill C-2, the Bill which ostensibly we are here to consider, and no other. In this, it is perhaps a commendable thing, and hence my dilemma, Madam Speaker.

● (2030)

It is important, certainly, that the House defend its rights and privileges. And if in so doing—as the Government seems itself to recognize—errors, grievous offensive errors in Government Motions can be fixed, then we must seriously consider so doing. I think it is to the credit of the Members from Simcoe North and Calgary West that they have attempted, at least, to address one of these offensive errors in limiting the scope of government Motion No. 1. What makes limiting its scope a question very much before the House at this time is the Throne Speech itself which initiated this session.