

now have had the tables turned on them. That is indeed the case.

What is it we are negotiating? We call it all kinds of things, but what exactly is Mr. Reisman negotiating?

Mr. Blenkarn: A better deal.

Mr. Riis: This individual has publicly advocated the negotiated transfer of Canadian water to the United States. That is his personal view. He is on record as favouring such an agreement with the United States. We do not know if that is what is being discussed behind closed doors. We do not know what he is negotiating with regard to our marketing boards. We do not know what our negotiator is saying with regard to UIC for our fishermen. This whole process is taking place in secret.

Mr. Blenkarn: Of course it is.

Mr. Riis: My friend from Mississauga confirms that it is being done in secret. It is not being done in secret in the United States. The American Senate recently held public meetings to examine the impact that these talks are having on particular sectors.

Mr. McDermid: Did you watch them?

Mr. Riis: In my constituency of Kamloops—Shuswap I have been asked the following questions: What is the impact of these talks on the cow-calf operators in Kamloops—Shuswap? What is the impact of these talks on vegetable growers? What is the impact of these talks on the fledgling brewery and winery industries in British Columbia? We know what the impact of these talks has been on the softwood lumber and shake and shingle industries.

The most critical group at this point is the Thompson Nicola Manufacturers' Association, which is comprised of 150 independent manufacturers which are attempting to learn what impact this will have on their manufactured products. As a Member of Parliament, I cannot respond precisely to those inquiries. There is no place they can go for answers because we do not know what is being discussed. I do not understand how Members opposite can endorse this 100 per cent when they do not know what is being discussed, what is being negotiated away.

I guess it is the Peter Pan approach. If you really believe you can fly, you can fly. If you really believe that Mr. Reisman will do a good job, he will do a good job. After our Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) had his little singsong and meeting with President Reagan in Quebec City, he said that he had all the faith in the world that we would liberalize our trade with the United States to everyone's benefit. Within a matter of days the shake and shingle tariff hit us right between the eyes and closed down a number of mills in British Columbia.

Mr. McDermid: Are they working now?

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Mr. Riis: The Parliamentary Secretary asks whether they are working now. Most of the mills that closed in my constituency are still closed. The people were all laid off.

Mr. Stewart: Are their sales down?

Mr. Riis: Of course their sales are down. The Member asked if their sales are down. They are not operating, they laid off all their employees, they closed down the shop and boarded up the doorways. Of course their sales are down.

Mr. McDermid: Careful. When was the last time you were home, Nelson?

Mr. Brisco: They couldn't have been very efficient.

Mr. Riis: The Member from the Kootenays said they couldn't have been very efficient. I will talk to some of the sawmill operators adjacent to his constituency and remind them that they were not very efficient.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order, please. I hope Hon. Members will have questions and comments after the Hon. Member's speech. It is a great speech and I would like to listen to it.

Mr. McDermid: That's debatable.

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, the Member for Kootenay West (Mr. Brisco) said that the shake and shingle operators who are not presently working were not efficient. I hope he will pursue that in the period for questions and comments later.

We are very concerned about what is happening. We have been asked to buy a pig in a poke. The Government is asking us to have faith in its ability to negotiate a good deal. That reminds me of Neville Chamberlain when he came back from Munich with a piece of paper in hand. He said he had a letter from Hitler saying, "peace in our time". Adolf Hitler said he would not invade the Sudetenland. Neville Chamberlain said that we could all relax because we had that piece of paper from Adolf Hitler.

There are some similarities between that situation and this in the sense that Mr. Neville Chamberlain was duped. I suspect that our Government was duped by the President of the United States when he said that their interest is really to facilitate our trade and help us whenever possible. The facts are exactly the opposite. Since this Government took over the administration of Canada, \$5000 million worth of trade has had some kind of border penalty imposed on it. That has never happened before in Canadian history.

Mr. McDermid: Wrong.

Mr. Riis: My friend says "wrong". Perhaps he could explain when we were so devastated by a foreign government at our borders. Is that the kind of deal that we can expect? Is that the kind of trading arrangement with the United States that our Prime Minister has been promising us? We all remember that when the United States subcommittee was deciding whether or