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Ms. Jewett: We have earned 75 per cent of that market. Is the Hon. Member telling me that under free trade negotiations we will enhance that percentage? Is that what we will get from free trade negotiations?

Mr. Fulton: Not likely.

Ms. Jewett: That is what he is telling me, and I am telling him that we will not. He should not mislead people into thinking that we will. Under these negotiations, chances are that the United States will insist upon reducing our share of the market back to 35 per cent or 40 per cent. We are talking at cross purposes.

Mr. Fraleigh: You bet we are.

Ms. Jewett: It is because Hon. Members on that side of the House and in the Tory Party do not seem to understand. That is very likely to happen in the shake and shingle industry, and the people in the industry know it. This is why they are now beginning to get very serious about these infamous comprehensive free trade negotiations which the Government is pushing.

[Translation]

Mrs. Landry: Mr. Speaker, earlier, my hon. friend said, in referring to the Conservatives, that "Your mind is closed".

However, I have the impression it is the New Democratic Party's mind that is very much closed. We all agree that the Auto Pact has been of great benefit to the automobile industry. How can the Hon. Member not be in favour of other sectors in our industry being regulated by the same kind of pact, which would be just as beneficial for other industries?

And I fail to see why they are opposed to negotiations on free trade, when we hope to negotiate an agreement that will in fact reduce the likelihood of the kind of intervention we are seeing today, an agreement that will benefit all industries in this country.

[English]

Ms. Jewett: Mr. Speaker, I thank the Hon. Member for her question. I can only assure her that we would like to see dozens of auto pacts. What makes the Auto Pact so important is the guarantees built into it in terms of Canadian employment. That is what is not being negotiated.

Mrs. Landry: It is the beginning of discussions.

Ms. Jewett: It has been made fairly clear so far that that is not what the Canadian Government is negotiating. It has rejected the sector by sector approach and the application of the kind of regulations which we see in the Auto Pact, as did the previous Government. Those have been rejected. We do not think that they should have been rejected. It is the kind of negotiation which should be taking place sector by sector.

Mr. St. Germain: Mr. Speaker, in her speech the Hon. Member—and I am sure it was inadvertent, not intentional stated that we knew it was coming. That statement was made by Mayor John Agnew when he spoke three years ago. He made that statement to the Liberal administration at that time. In order to clarify that point, let me point out that it was not my statement; it was the statement of Mayor John Agnew.

I find it strange that the Hon. Member for New Westminster—Coquitlam (Ms. Jewett) is somewhat like the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner)—a johnny-come-lately. I have not heard her make one statement in the House on shakes and shingles, nor on the lumber industry.

Mr. Fulton: Nor have 210 of your Tory Members.

Mr. St. Germain: I have not seen her rising to defend this particular issue. I have heard the Hon. Member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton) on the issue. Now she is to be the the saviour of all. I agree that it is important—

• (1630)

Mr. Fulton: There is only one B.C. Tory in the House.

Mr. St. Germain: Let us not get into that, Mr. Speaker. The NDP did not have a speaker ready at three o'clock. Let us not get nasty about things like that.

An Hon. Member: There were two Tory Members from B.C.

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. The Member knows that that is wrong. There were three speakers here from our Party.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Ms. Jewett: I was waiting for the Hon. Member for Mission—Port Moody (Mr. St. Germain) to speak. Sorry.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Order, please. Notwithstanding the number of Members in the House, we certainly can hear them. They are all being heard.

Mr. St. Germain: The Member over there started it, I didn't.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Perhaps the Hon. Member for Mission—Port Moody (Mr. St. Germain) would be kind enough to wrap up.

Mr. St. Germain: Yes, Mr. Speaker. The Hon. Member for New Westminster—Coquitlam alluded to the fact that I had not spoken to the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney). I can assure the Hon. Member that the Prime Minister was in direct contact with me on the weekend.

Ms. Jewett: I said Friday.

Mr. St. Germain: Anyone in Canada who does not feel that the Prime Minister is not on top of this issue, is not current with it and is not concerned about it, is unequivocally wrong. The Prime Minister has spoken to me on three occasions since.

Mr. Robinson: What about beforehand?