

prosperous while at the same time dealing in a mature, thoughtful way with a genuine crisis in the fishery.

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I think that I quoted the Prime Minister verbatim when he said, "There is no crisis in Atlantic Canada." I want to ask the Minister for International Trade again, does he agree with this statement and, if he does not, what does he intend to do about it?

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade): Mr. Speaker, I agree with every word, every syllable, every comma and every full point of the Prime Minister's last answer.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Simmons: Bye-bye, Johnny.

Mr. Crosbie: And the hon. member does not do Atlantic Canada any favours by trying to pretend that Atlantic Canada has no present and no future. It has a present and it has a future. It has a crisis in the fishing industry which we are going to help overcome. It has a bright future as well with Hibernia, with all its potential. The kind of remarks made by the hon. gentleman opposite are doing nothing to help Atlantic Canada.

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TRADE

Mr. Lyle Dean MacWilliam (Okanagan—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister for International Trade.

The Minister also knows that there is a crisis looming out in British Columbia. Zodiac Hurricane Marine, a manufacturer in Richmond, B.C., has been told by the U.S. Navy that it will no longer purchase Zodiac vessels built in Canada.

It is because of an unfair U.S. protectionist ruling that the company must now close down its operations in British Columbia and relocate to the United States. At least 100 Canadian jobs and millions of dollars to the Canadian economy are going to be lost if this company closes down.

I want to ask the Minister if he would agree with a statement that is right here in this document that he helped draft, the free trade agreement. Chapter 5 states that once goods have been imported into either country

they will not become the object of discrimination. In light of that ruling in the free trade agreement will the Minister now launch an appeal for a ruling of the bilateral panel on trade, or through GATT, to turn back this unfair, protectionist measure that the U.S. Government has imposed upon this Canadian industry and save these Canadian jobs?

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade): Mr. Speaker, I am glad to hear that the hon. gentleman has a somewhat belated interest in this matter. It was brought to my attention by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans at least several weeks ago.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Fulton: That's a big help.

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Mr. Crosbie: You are not interested at all in having your colleague's question answered. You are just going to bellow, roar and bawl so that he does not receive any answer.

Two weeks ago the minister of fisheries brought this to my attention. We are pursuing the matter with the Americans to persuade them to change the interpretation they have now put on their domestic practices. The ambassador in Washington is apprised of it. We are doing everything we can to have this changed.

I hope that in Canada we will not do anything ourselves to deliberately flout the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement, such as adopting protectionist amendments like some other provinces that I could name have done.

I hope the hon. gentleman will do all he can to see the U.S.-Canada agreement is observed in Canada so that we have a good example for them down in the United States.

Mr. Lyle Dean MacWilliam (Okanagan—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out to the minister that if this House had been sitting two weeks ago, you would have been given the question in plenty of time to respond.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. MacWilliam: Mr. Speaker, I want to say to the same minister that last year the U.S. Navy was awarded 274 contracts worth over \$312 million in Canadian purchases, while in Canada we are prohibited from