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that—observe, watch, be spectators as if somehow we were only debating something that is real, alive and important just for this very select club. I beg to differ. My Leader begs to differ. We on the Liberal side, the Official Opposition, beg to differ.

This Parliament is the Parliament of 25 million shareholders. We happen to be the board of directors for four years. But the board of directors takes the charge from the shareholders. That is why we should have a committee study this so that Canadians can also come in front of that committee to express their views. In that way Canadians can tell Members of Parliament: Look, I have a stake in this country, too. This is my future as well.

Let me share with you my dream and my vision for change because I watch you guys every night and many of you are caring Canadians. But I, too, have a vision of things to come. Canadians are being displaced already by a trade deal that is not even in legislation, not even ratified. We are seeing the ravages of it already. Why can we not hear from those Canadians who have lost their jobs and their livelihoods, those Canadians whose futures have been threatened? Why can we not hear from them as well? Who are they after all?

● (1600)

We are asking Canadians to take note, to take a look at the real debate, because not one Liberal Member of Parliament has risen in this House and irresponsibly said to the Government: "You will not get this deal. We will not be going home. The Senate will block the deal". Have you heard one Liberal Member of Parliament say that, Mr. Speaker? Not at all. What we have been saying is, yes, the Conservative Party of Canada has won the first round and it happens to be the election of 1988, but that does not give licence to this Government to run roughshod over the traditions of this House and over the concerns that people have on the question of the Mulroney-Reagan trade deal.

Mr. Scott (Hamilton—Wentworth): I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I hate to interrupt the Hon. Member for York West (Mr. Marchi), but he keeps referring to the Mulroney-Reagan trade deal. He should obey his own rule. He was up on his feet about an hour ago telling the Hon. Member for Beauharnois-Salaberry (Mr. Hudon) not to refer to a Member of this House by his or her last name. If you are referring to the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney), say the Prime Minister of Canada or the Hon. Member for Charlevoix, otherwise

it is the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, Mr. Speaker.

Ms. Mitchell: Mr. Speaker, I just wonder at the same time if you would mind reminding the Hon. Member who just spoke that one does not in this House use a pronoun such as "you".

Mr. Scott (Hamilton—Wentworth): You are right.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): All three Members are senior Members here in the Chamber. Please speak accordingly.

Mr. Marchi: Yes, Mr. Speaker, I should have referred to the Prime Minister as—

[*Translation*]

—the little guy from Baie-Comeau, with his big American uncle.

[*English*]

I think it is pertinent that we also take the view with respect to the debate that we are trying to be forward looking. We are trying to suggest to Canadians and to this Government that eventually when it gets this trade deal through both Houses of this Parliament, the concerns should not stop there. The *raison d'être* of this session of Parliament does not end there. We have been trying in our negotiations to establish some parliamentary forum, a parliamentary committee of sorts, to monitor the future course of this country under this historic trade deal.

We have been trying to encourage the Government to act upon its rhetoric when it says: "We will retrain those who need training because of fall-out from this trade agreement". The Government says we will find new job opportunities for those who are displaced. Those are fine words, but we have the evidence of plant shut-downs, of people marching on the streets, of picketing. They are saying they have lost their jobs, but they have been met only by individual members of a Government which is led by this Prime Minister who simply does not have the time of day for those people, despite the fine speeches. It is this Party, as it was this Party during the election campaign, which will focus and lead the charge in standing up for Canada, not in the aspect of necessarily being anti-American, nor in the sense of being anti-trade, whether it be with the United States of America or with the international community, but by having a trade strategy for our country that in the end works best for our country, which is number one.