

*Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement*

trade, there are benefits. We know that Canada produces more than it can consume. So, where will we go for our markets? The money is not sufficient within our own country.

I am glad to be a part of the Government that is setting this trade deal in motion. I will be pleased to stand in my place when it comes time to vote on the third and final reading in support of the motion that this Government has taken under the leadership of our Prime Minister and his Cabinet and to do my part to further the Free Trade Agreement with the United States of America.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Axworthy (Saskatoon—Clark's Crossing):** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am pleased to rise to participate in the debate on the Free Trade Agreement, pleased at the fact that the voters of Saskatoon—Clark's Crossing chose me to represent their interests in Ottawa, and pleased with their belief that the Free Trade Agreement is bad for Saskatoon, bad for Saskatchewan, and bad for Canada.

It is with sorrow that I speak today. The sorrow comes from seeing a Government that is so ideologically driven, and bound to big business backers introducing legislation which so vigorously attacks Canada's best interests. It attacks Canada's control over its own resources and ability to set its own economic destiny. It attacks Canada's social programs, health care system, environmental standards and financial investment strategies. It threatens Canada's family farms and agricultural institutions with extinction.

This deal strikes at Canada's very heart and identity. It should be seen as part of a wider, neo-Conservative agenda. It is part of the agenda of the Conservative Government and its business allies to reduce and remove the differences between a free-enterprise market-driven United States and the social democracy, albeit one which requires further improvement, which the New Democrats and the CCF before them in Saskatchewan pioneered for Canada and which Canadians have built over the last 40 years.

Even the Conservative Party played a part in this process of developing the Canada we know today.

**Mr. Crosbie:** Talk to bad boy.

**Mr. Nunziata:** You are not supposed to heckle, Mr. Crosbie. Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

**Some Hon. Members:** Sit down.

**An Hon. Member:** Do you have to rain on everybody's party?

**The Chairman:** The Hon. Member for York South—Weston on a point of order.

**Mr. Nunziata:** I regret very much and apologize to the Hon. Member for having to interrupt in the middle of his speech. There is a tradition in this House when a new Member is making a speech that Members on the opposite side ought not to heckle. The Minister of Trade and his side-kick, the Minister of Housing, have been heckling the new Member as he has been delivering his speech.

**The Chairman:** It is not really a point of order. It is tradition that we do have a bit of civility when the person—

**An Hon. Member:** Oh, oh!

**The Chairman:** I am talking to the Hon. Member who just made the representation, the Hon. Member for York South—Weston. I am just making the representation for the Hon. Member, for his edification. I have just been speaking to him, and he is not helping me by speaking across the floor. There is a tradition here to have a little civility when a Member is making a maiden speech. I agree with him, but that goes both ways. Therefore, I would like to recognize the Hon. Member for Saskatoon—Clark's Crossing.

**Mr. Axworthy (Saskatoon—Clark's Crossing):** Mr. Speaker, even the Conservative Party played a part in this process of developing the Canada we know today. CN, CBC, and the first regional development programs were enacted under Conservative Governments. They were rather different governments from this one. As everyone knows in this House, John Diefenbaker would be as fiercely opposed to this free trade deal as we are on this side of the House today.

The Conservative Government, along with its business allies, is on a path to destroying all that makes Canada a better, more caring and compassionate society than the United States. It cares not about the consequences, the potential job losses. It cares not about the loss of control over energy and resources, over our investment strategies and job creation programs. It cares not about the consequences to Canada's economic and social fabric.

There have, however, been two positive consequences of this free trade debate. First, it encouraged Canada