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mention of the various man-made advantages provided to American growers which are not available to us.

Grape growers ask: Can Canadians get all the irrigation water they want at \$1 an acre? No, they cannot, but Americans can. Can Canadians write off losses in excess of \$5,000 if they are working at off-farm jobs? No, they cannot.

Do Canadians pay pickers similar low wages? No, they cannot. Can Canadians get land at comparably low cost and maintain control of it by paying low levels of land taxation? No, they cannot.

Our grape growers can compete, given similar pricing policies, but our Government has signed a trade accord which has left them with a deal which is extremely unfair.

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TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES TRADE AGREEMENT—POSITION OF MANITOBA PREMIER

Mr. Brian White (Dauphin—Swan River): Mr. Speaker, any Canadian who understands the economy of western Canada will know that the Canada-U.S. trade agreement is of enormous importance to the west.

However, Premier Howard Pawley of Manitoba, having received his marching orders from Bob White and Shirley Carr, has taken a position diametrically opposed to the well-being of my Province of Manitoba.

He and his cabinet have begun a series of meetings across Manitoba, closed, by invitation only, no questions allowed. He has said: "I am not going to pretend that we have an open mind at this point". That is, regardless of what happens in the discussions with Manitobans, his Government will not bend on its opposition to the treaty.

Howard Pawley's vision of Canada is not shared by the vast majority of Manitobans, those who are not the pawns of the central union leaders. He does not speak for the cattle producers of Manitoba. He does not speak for the hog producers of Manitoba. He does not speak for the countless companies in Manitoba that are eager to compete in a North American market.

Howard Pawley, show some courage and stand up for Manitoba and western Canada. Support the trade agreement for which there is no alternative.

POLITICAL PARTIES

CANADA-UNITED STATES TRADE AGREEMENT—POSITION OF NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Mr. John Gormley (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, the tendency of the New Democratic Party to mislead Canadians has once again reared its ugly head, but this time with darker motives.

In a letter today, the Member for Thunder Bay—Nipigon (Mr. Epp) denounces our Government's free trade agreement.

This Member attempts to instil fear and uncertainty by deceitfully claiming that hundreds of thousands of jobs will be lost and by predicting the end of social programs.

Why would the NDP write this letter? At its conclusion, the NDP Member exhorts the reader to sign the attached petition. So it seems the New Democratic Party's real reason for spreading this false propaganda is to solicit enough petitions in order to try to paralyze the work of the House of Commons. Instead of sabotaging debate in the House with this kind of letter, the NDP should democratically participate in a free and open discussion.

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To the New Democratic Party I say stop underestimating the intelligence of the Canadian people. Get off your anti-Canadian bandwagon and stand up for Canada.

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VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

IMPORTANCE OF EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Mr. David Berger (Laurier): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Bouchard) will have to decide this week whether there will be a place in the Tories' blue heaven for non-profit organizations.

Mr. Speaker, the very survival of a number of agencies in Quebec depends on the Job Development Program, which enables them to provide certain services to the community and to have someone on duty at all times. Some of these agencies are specifically concerned with women's needs. For instance, some outstanding work is being done by *Alternative Naissance*, a group that is trying to humanize the whole process of giving birth.

Employees of non-profit agencies are often women with families who have decided to work as volunteers for the benefit of their sisters and of society as a whole. Mr. Speaker, these women, like you and me, are entitled to live and work in an area that meets their personal and social aspirations.

Today I want to ask the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Bouchard), the Government and all