

The provisions are somewhat complex. To go and make a false statement is extremely simple. This is the technique that the Leader of the Opposition and the others have adopted. There are distortions and misrepresentations. Because the agreement is complex, it is not easy to explain the answer. It is the simple lie, the simple exaggeration, the simple allegation, and a complicated response has to be made, which is not easy for ordinary people to follow. That is the technique.

We all know who had those techniques before. I am not going to mention it. Sensibilities get too stirred up when we refer to who was a specialist in this kind of technique in the 1930s.

Atlantic fishery processing jobs were never threatened. They are made more secure by the FTA. Not only that, but the presidents of the two largest fish processing companies on the East Coast—in fact in Canada—Vic Young of Fishery Products and Gordon Cummings of National Sea, have said again and again that the free trade agreement is going to lead to more, not fewer, jobs in processing.

The Premiers of the provinces where the fish industries are strong support the agreement. How can the Leader of the Opposition go into such a milieu and make these kinds of false statements? Here are some of the other false statements that were made. "Many federal programs designed to assist Canadians may be challenged by the Americans under free trade". False. They can be challenged by the Americans now, they could have been challenged last year, five years ago, next year, but we are going to have some defences to these challenges in the future if the FTA is passed.

Here is what the Leader of the Opposition said according to the *St. John's Evening Telegram*:

Any advantage, any grant, any incentive, any tax holiday or whatever given to a Canadian that is not available equally to an American will be considered to be an unfair subsidy.

A complete untruth. If it is said knowingly, we know what that means. I am not going to get into parliamentary niceties now. When I am outside this House and on the campaign trail, I am going to call a spade a spade. You cannot call a spade a spade in this House. You have to call it a heart. But outside, that is different. It is completely false. "Any grant, any incentive, any tax holiday, any advantage or whatever given to a Canadian not available equally to an American will be considered to be an unfair subsidy". It is totally false.

He told Carbonear residents, a major employer in the province's fishery industry, "We will be endangered by free trade". It is completely and utterly false. I am glad to see that the ranks of the Liberal Party have swelled by 25 per cent. There are four of them now that the Member has come in.

Electricity. Mr. Turner warned that other natural resources, such as hydroelectricity and offshore oil, will fall prey to the Americans. You can see the Americans coming over, taking our hydroelectricity and our oil. The poor dams are falling prey to the Americans as they do this. "As an example", he

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said, "that the agreement to develop the Hibernia oil through the Grand Banks will be overridden by the free trade agreement and it converts us into a continental reservoir in the United States".

I do not want to get involved in parliamentary vernacular and decorum. It is an untruth. Hibernia is not affected by the free trade agreement; it is grandfathered under the free trade agreement. It is affected by being given more assured access. The products from Hibernia will have more assured access to the U.S. market as a result of the agreement. That is one of the positive benefits of the agreement. It is not going to be overridden by the free trade agreement or converted into a continental reservoir of the United States. We will sell the oil to Canada for Canadians or to Americans or to Nicaraguans or to whoever we want to sell it to. We could sell it to the British or to whoever wants to buy the oil. This is a deliberate untruth.

He says:

Under Section 4.08 and 4.09, all of our resources, renewable or non-renewable—hydro, water, coal, gas, wood—are swept into a continental reservoir with the United States . . . What's theirs is theirs, and what's ours has become theirs too.

An Hon. Member: What nonsense.

Mr. Crosbie: Is this the leader of a national Party? Is this a responsible person, addressing an audience in Carbonear and giving them this trash, this untruth, these diabolically false assertions, as to what happens to our resources? "What's theirs is theirs, and what's ours has become theirs too". Does a person like that think for one moment that he has a chance of becoming a leader of this country again? Not at all. Never. Not a chance.

Some Hon. Members: Never.

Mr. Crosbie: I can go on with further statements. The Liberal Leader said:

Free trade may also mean the end of many of Canada's social programs such as Medicare.

It "may also mean the end". How could the free trade agreement also mean the end? This is the most diabolically vicious series of untruths spoken by a leader of a national Party of Canada in a hundred years, and he is not going to get away with it. He is not going to get away with it, not for one minute.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Crosbie: That is what I call, in the last couple of quotes, a harmonization hoax. The Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the New Democratic Party claim that we are compelled to bring our social programs into line with those in the U.S.

They claim that we will have to abandon regional development. They do not give any reason why we have to do this; they just announce it and try to pretend that this is so. This is