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NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Hon. Roger C. Simmons (Burin—St. George's): Mr. Speaker, today I am wearing my very special suit. I call it my NDP suit, my socialist sackcloth, my comrade-in-arms tunic, if you like.

The NDP knows what it is against. It is against the break-up of Canada, as the leader has so often said. It is against dirty, rotten patronage. It is against Hibernia. It voted against it here in this House.

But this suit has a second pocket. The NDP knows exactly what it is for. It is for—and these are the words of the member for Chambly—the break-up of Canada. It is now still against patronage, except of course in the cases of Ed Broadbent, Bob White and Ian Deans.

Mr. Speaker: Order. It is not always easy to draw the distinction between what is fair comment in members' statements and what is personal criticism.

It seems to me the hon. member has referred to another hon. member as being in favour of the break-up of Canada. I think that is a pretty personal attack, and I would want the hon. member to keep that in mind.

Mr. Simmons: As I was saying, the NDP is not really against Hibernia. The leader said in St. John's: "Just because we voted against it—doesn't mean we oppose it".

Some hon. members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Simmons: You see, Mr. Speaker, any NDP suit worthy of the name must have two pockets: one to tell you what you are for and one to tell you what you are against. The problem is you might get the two pockets all mixed up one day.

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THE ENVIRONMENT

Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands): Mr. Speaker, once again the Conservative government has come out strongly in favour of rhetoric and bluster and decidedly short on substance with respect to the environment.

This month in Geneva, at the second World Climate Conference, the Minister of the Environment disregarded the unanimous recommendations of the environ-

ment committee and gave short shrift to the dangers of CO₂ emissions, the greatest single contributor to global warming.

Rather than support international moves to reduce CO₂ emissions by 20 per cent or more by the year 2005, the government opted for a vague promise to stabilize emissions at current levels by the year 2000.

The government has refused to conduct a full environmental assessment of the proposed coal fired generating station at Point Aconi, Nova Scotia. The Point Aconi project will produce 1.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide annually.

Instead of taking action on global warming, the government plans to turn a blind eye to a project which will substantially increase Canada's CO₂ emissions.

Point Aconi must be subject to a full environmental assessment.

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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Mr. Bob Wood (Nipissing): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express the concerns of the dairy farmers in northern Ontario, in the riding of Nipissing, over the recent proposal made by this government to the GATT concerning our dairy industry. Once again it appears that this government has fallen prey to the illusion that the U.S. is a free trader, particularly when it comes to agriculture. Why else would the government jeopardize our dairy markets by proposing to open up an even greater segment to unfair competition?

The U.S. and the Europeans dump dairy surpluses on the world market, forcing prices well below the actual cost of production. They protect their own markets vigorously with trade barriers significantly higher than ours, whereas Canada has the highest level of market access.

The premise of our supply management programs is to supply our own market so we do not create huge surpluses to dump on world markets. Unlike the U.S., surpluses in Canada are paid for by the producer and not the taxpayer.

The purpose of the GATT is to provide fair rules for global trade, not to create a forum for international price subsidy wars. Indeed, this proposal makes Canada the