

an agreement which could impinge on our economic and cultural sovereignty for the next century. We want to have a full and open public discussion and that discussion should be led and not muzzled by the Prime Minister.

Unfortunately, we see that Government Members do not have the political will to embark upon that kind of a discussion. We heard a question today reflecting the concerns of the textile industry and we heard another question today reflecting the concerns of the footwear industry. I know that there are a number of government Members who have been contacted not only by manufacturers in their own ridings but also by employees of those manufacturers.

In the community of Hamilton, Susan's Shoes is the seventh largest employer in the whole area. I know that Susan's Shoes has contacted the Hon. Member for Burlington, the Hon. Member for Hamilton West (Mr. Peterson) and the Hon. Member for Lincoln (Mrs. Martin) to ask them to give the Canadian footwear industry a chance, to save their jobs and to get a fair market share so that the seventh largest employer in the City of Hamilton can be protected. Unfortunately, we do not hear from these Members because they neglect to use their opportunities to speak up in the House on these issues which are of urgent and pressing public importance for all Canadians.

**Mr. Brisco:** Tell us how many grants they have had.

**Ms. Copps:** How many grants they have had? As a matter of fact, if the Hon. Member were apprised of the dossier, he would know that it is not seeking grants. Unfortunately, in typical knee-jerk Conservative response, all he can think of is grants. The typical Conservative response is that the private sector will do it all. We know what the private sector did with Inco. We heard what the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDonald) had to say about the largest employer in Sudbury. Obviously there comes a time when there must be a mix of a public and private economy. It is unfortunate that the kind of knee-jerk private-sector capitalism as expressed on numerous occasions in this House by a number of Government Members fails to recognize the basic fact that in this country, we have a history of working together.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Order, please. I regret to inform the Hon. Member that her time has expired. Questions or comments?

**Mr. Angus:** Mr. Speaker, I listened with interest to the Hon. Member's speech. In the Schedule under this Act, there is to be no tariff under general tariffs or general preferential tariffs for machinery and apparatus for use in mining, quarrying, the development of mineral deposits or the processing of ores, metals or minerals and machinery and apparatus for use in the processing, smelting or refining of ores, metals or minerals. What impact does the Hon. Member think it will have on Canada and particularly Ontario that we are still allowing mining machinery to be brought into this country free of

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charge? Will that in any way help to develop a mining manufacturing facility anywhere in this country?

[*Translation*]

**Ms. Copps:** Mr. Speaker, it is clear that if we proceed with the fiscal decisions not to collect tax on all manufactured goods that can be used to process minerals, we will never have in this country a secondary industry manufacturing machinery for the processing of minerals.

Indeed, in Ontario, I know that the City of Sudbury has had in mind for a long time having in this country an industry to manufacture machinery for processing our minerals.

Unfortunately, with free trade in that class of machinery, we would always have machinery from abroad, foreign machinery, that would come here and perpetuate our vision of a Canada that is not a processing country, as was said by our former Prime Minister, but—

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—that we are the hewers of wood and the drawers of water. It seems to me that this particular tax measure which again will facilitate the importation of machinery from the United States and elsewhere will prevent the kind of made-in-Canada processing of minerals that we should be seeing. That simply reinforces what I believe to be the Conservative view of Canadians which is that we are the hewers of wood and the drawers of water. Conservative Members look to the South when it comes to excellence in manufacturing expertise and salesmanship.

The Hon. Member has outlined a point which is very crucial to the ongoing discussion of free trade and that is that we consider ourselves number one. We in the Liberal Party do not believe that we are second-class citizens. We believe that Canada can compete and it has competed in the steel industry. We have constantly had the boots put to us on this particular issue by a number of U.S. trade and tariff barriers and non-tariff barriers. We will continue to fight that even though we believe that the Conservative or Schefferville mentality by one that sees Canadians as the hewers of wood and the drawers of water for American and foreign manufacturing.

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## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

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SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 46, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the Hon. Member for Prince Albert (Mr. Hovdebo)—Agriculture—Southern Saskatchewan farmers (*a*) Request for assistance. (*b*) Aid to cattlemen; the Hon. Member for Athabasca