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I think Canada's interest is not served in a bilateral trade negotiation. It is better served and only served when we proceed globally. If the view is a global one our position is strongest, and we are not handicapped in a relationship with a massive, powerful, and much stronger trade partner south of the border.

That is roughly the Liberal position which we have developed over decades under Mr. Pearson, Mr. Trudeau, and our present Leader.

Mr. McDermid: Mr. Speaker, today's debate has been tremendous; we have now had about four different positions from the Liberals! It will be interesting when historians read today's edition of *Hansard* and take a look at the different positions expressed by that Party.

Because the Hon. Member is so interested in the ecology, does he agree with the statement that "Canada may use her excess water to bargain her way into the United States"? Does he agree with that statement which was made by the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) when he was Parliamentary Secretary to the resources Minister?

• (1740)

Mr. Caccia: Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to the Parliamentary Secretary for being so open and not only quoting but also giving a date for the quote. It shows that over time people can change their viewpoints. He has changed his viewpoint on a number of occasions, and why not? He has expanded his knowledge and his experience. I am sure that he has changed his view on certain issues.

I am sure that also applies to the leader of our Party because that statement was made over 20 years ago. There is certainly no intention on our part to engage in water negotiations.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): On that basis, I think questions and comments are terminated.

Mr. Bill Kempling (Burlington): Mr. Speaker, let me say at the outset that as a Government Member it was rather amusing to hear the Hon. Member for Davenport (Mr. Caccia), who was a Minister of the Environment, talk about environmental matters. It should be noted for the record that as Minister he did not introduce one Bill, one motion or do a damn thing about the environment. He did nothing but cry, which is what he has done today.

Let me set the record straight. The New Democratic Party is ideologically opposed to any trade agreement with the United States.

Mr. Keeper: Oh, come on.

Mr. Kempling: That is what its members say. They want no negotiations and no discussions. At the same time, they want guarantees of access to that large American market.

Not only is the NDP ideologically opposed to a trade agreement with the United States, it is anti-American in its

general attitude. If one listened to members of the New Democratic Party, they would have us cancel our trade discussions with the United States, as they said many times today, they would pull Canada out of NORAD and NATO, and align Canada with some iron curtain countries and stand on the border between Canada and the United States and shake their fists.

Mr. Keeper: Point of order.

Mr. Kempling: At the same time they want guarantees—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order, please.

Mr. Keeper: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Surely there is some limit to the distortion that a Member can introduce into debate in the House.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I regret that that is debate. The Hon. Member for Burlington (Mr. Kempling) has the floor.

Mr. Kempling: At the same time, the New Democratic Party wants guarantees of all kinds that will allow the United States to buy products under certain conditions. The reality is that the New Democratic Party is the buggy-whip Party of Canada.

Mr. Keeper: What is wrong with buggies?

Mr. Kempling: One need only read the motion put forward by the Hon. Member for Essex—Windsor (Mr. Langdon) to see the truth in that statement.

Mr. Keeper: What have you got against horses?

Mr. Kempling: What are you clattering about?

Mr. Keeper: What have you got against horses?

Mr. Kempling: There are some parts of the horses I can mention, but I will not go into that.

If we left it up to the New Democratic Party, it would be so far out of date that it would still be supporting buggy-whip manufacturers and wooden wheel manufacturers.

Surely the Hon. Member for Essex—Windsor is not proposing that we negotiate a free trade agreement on the floor of the House of Commons? He has talked about secrecy and complained that he does not know what is happening. If that is so, he certainly is not reading the releases from the Department of Trade and has not read the very comprehensive book that has been prepared by the Minister for International Trade (Miss Carney). It is his own fault, not ours, if he does not know what is happening.

We cannot negotiate a comprehensive trade agreement on the floor of the House of Commons. We are proceeding with discussions on a comprehensive trade agreement with the Americans to see if we can reach agreement on a variety of trade irritants that would put Canada-U.S. trade on a different