

Canfor stocks are up. That company has had problems, but its stock is up 21.8 per cent. Abitibi's stock is up 7.2 per cent. West Fraser, a smaller operation, is up 5.73 per cent. The forestry index went up a total of 8.6 per cent since December 29, before the agreement was signed, and last Friday when the market closed. The Hon. Member opposite says the Tories measure things by the stock market. That is not the point. This is the way the market operates. This is what investors think. Investors think that this industry is better off after the agreement than before. That is important because it is investors who will put up money for jobs.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, let me refer to one more paragraph from the letter from the IWA. It is an important paragraph:

The International Woodworkers of America recognizes that the negotiated settlement of the softwood lumber dispute does impose an additional burden on the Canadian sawmilling industry. However, given the fact that the U.S. government would have imposed such a burden in any case, the current solution represents the lesser of two evils. We believe that in time adjustments can be made which will permit the Canadian industry to survive and to prosper in the future.

Those adjustments will require a high degree of co-operation between industry, government and labour. It is important to proceed as soon as possible with the search for these solutions.

I concur with the IWA. It is time for us to put this matter behind us, time for us to work out the agreement, implement it, and time to get on with the job of negotiating a new trade treaty.