

*Adjournment Debate*

machinery and equipment, which explains why we could have an unfavorable trade balance over the short-term.

However, a short-term decrease in Canada's trade balance is not a bad omen. In fact, both our productivity and competitiveness are improving.

Madam Speaker, the Free Trade Accord does not rule out the possibility that the United States could apply countervailing or antidumping duties against Canadian exports. Canada is now seeking changes to the countervailing and antidumping duties within the framework of the Uruguay Round multilateral negotiations which are being held under GATT.

Finally, it would be wrong to suggest that the Free Trade Accord is not working. As a matter of fact, there is currently a leadership convention and not many of the leading candidates are talking it nowadays. The hon. member should check this, because not one of them has ever suggested he would scrap the Free Trade Accord. Trade with the United States is significant. Our industry is sound. Our automobile industry is thriving. Our available capital is stable and we have a secure access to the most important market in the world. I hope the hon. member will agree with that, Madam Speaker.

• (1820)

[*English*]

## IMMIGRATION

**Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina):** Madam Speaker, on May 7 and May 8 I questioned the Minister of Employment and Immigration about the practice of the Department of Immigration administering drugs to deportees without their consent. I am happy now to have an opportunity to clear this matter up further.

On May 7 the minister implied by her answer that the practice of this government is to allow the drugging of deportees without their consent. She did not say it in so many words. My question was:

Will the minister confirm that it is the government's policy to administer drugs without consent to make deportation easier?

She replied, in part:

From time to time, a medical attendant is required when people are being deported. It is a practice that has to do with the safety of the person involved and the safety of other passengers.

Everybody in the House and everybody listening understood instantly that by avoiding the answer no she was conveying yes.

When I questioned her the following day she then attempted to be more evasive. To my question she answered:

If someone who is to be deported and in the eyes of an immigration official requires medical treatment of any sort whether it is because they are diabetic or have a heart condition, they then call in a medical examiner.

In other words, she tried to suggest that it is only a matter of the deportee's health and handled of course exclusively by a doctor.

In fact she really tried to pass the blame for the decision on to the doctor or, as she said more vaguely, "medical attendants" rather than her department that has employed them.

When I questioned her again and asked her if she would put a halt to the practice of compelling deportees to be drugged, she said:

Whatever treatment is to be administered is determined by a medical examiner, a doctor. It is not determined by myself. It is between the doctor and the person being examined.

She also ignored my request that she place before the House the guidelines which her department uses to govern its conduct in these cases.

There is no possibility of the minister and the department escaping the public understanding of the fact that deportees are being drugged with sedative or tranquilizers against their will in certain cases and contrary to both ethical and legal standards.

The Interchurch Committee for Refugees, a well-known Canadian organization, reports that the action of the immigration officials and the doctors are in direct contravention of the United Nations Principles of Medical Ethics, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the United Nations Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials, and the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.

But a little closer to the point, Dr. Cluga of the Canadian Medical Association, its director of ethical practices, adds that not only the physician would be