

for committees to investigate, we are told that committees are not necessary. We have to watch those Conservatives in the next four years because they are derelict in their duty.

The people of Manitoba spoke against free trade because they have worked for generations to build a city of world renown. They have worked closely with the federal Government on one program after another. In the last four years the chair was kicked from underneath them and the people are very sensitive that the Government is not paying attention.

Liberals were elected in the city because they have shown themselves to have a plan of action to protect workers and to further the interests of the city. The reason why Tories cannot get elected in the city is that they have nothing to say about our future. They keep making vague promises which have no meaning in people's lives.

An Hon. Member: Jobs, jobs, jobs.

An Hon. Member: When, when, when?

Mr. Walker: Just like in 1984, we are still waiting for one job in the City of Winnipeg that can be attributed to one act by the federal Government. When we see it we will applaud it.

The Free Trade Agreement has failed to convince anyone in Winnipeg that there will be any benefits for our city. We will continue to oppose this agreement until the Government assures us that the workers in the textile industries, processing industries, agriculture and transportation will have jobs as this agreement takes place.

The Government should show good faith by forming a committee that will present ideas about how jobs will be protected and the interests of Winnipeggers furthered under this agreement. In the absence of any such proposal we will continue to oppose this agreement.

Mr. Brian L. Gardiner (Prince George—Bulkley Valley): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to speak at second reading of this trade legislation. I want to use the opportunity to make a few comments about my riding. Prince George—Bulkley Valley is an exciting and diverse riding, stretching from the border in the west with the Hon. Member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton) and in the east against the Alberta border where the present Member is the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark).

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It is a riding dominated by the forestry, mining and resource industries. Unfortunately, it is a riding that was ignored so long by the Tories.

Now it is a riding threatened by the trade deal. My concern over this trade legislation is primarily over what we may end up with during the period when the definition of a subsidy is determined. The Government has already sold out the forest industry in this country, especially in my Province of British Columbia. It caved in to American interests by signing the Memorandum of Understanding that was met with joy by the Premier of British Columbia, Mr. Vander Zalm, but condemned by the forest industry.

Adam Zimmerman, not a member of the New Democratic Party, was quoted as saying on December 31, in the *Vancouver Sun*: "It is bizarre. It is sickening. It is every nasty adjective for an industry person". Zimmerman, also chairman of the Forest Industries Council, said in an interview: "In one step it creates an industrial paraplegic out of a lumber industry".

We have heard reports that some forest companies are operating at a loss due to the provincial and federal Governments caving in to U.S. interests. It is important to note that nothing has changed due to the Free Trade Agreement we are being asked to approve here today. A similar action can be taken again. In fact, when the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) visited Prince George during the election campaign, he made no commitment to our area let alone any promise that he would deal with the Memorandum of Understanding.

I am concerned about this Government and its attitude toward the forest industry. The Auditor General has criticized the Government for its sloppy administration of the various forestry agreements between the federal Government and the provinces. British Columbia was singled out in this area and it is no doubt considering the inadequacy of the Vander Zalm Government.

I am concerned that if we do not have written assurances from the Government and the Minister, we will not have a federal-provincial forestry agreement. My part of British Columbia has the highest NSR in the province. Will federal and provincial spending in forestry be allowed under the trade deal, depending on what is defined?

This afternoon there might be a ray of light. The Government is like a chocolate bar, it is thick. We must get our point across a couple of times before it understands. In today's Question Period I was pleased to note that the Minister for International Trade (Mr. Crosbie)