"The final bill will, I believe, have eliminated or modified a number of provisions which in earlier drafts did not, in Canada's view, accurately reflect the Agreement," Mr. Crosbie added. "We expressed our concerns to the U.S. Administration on these points."

"Regrettably, some problems may well remain, notably the potential delay in U.S. tariff cuts on plywood. In that event, I can assure Canadians that the Government will determine and implement an appropriate response," concluded Mr. Crosbie.