

him what our objectives are in those negotiations. I would be glad to do that, but we do not place in the public domain the documents we are using for negotiating purposes.

**Senator Molgat:** The minister says "... we do not place in the public domain ...", yet last week, in the Manitoba legislature, when questions were being asked of the premier there, specific reference was made to a draft copy. I quote directly from a *Winnipeg Free Press* article of Thursday, March 19, wherein there is a reference to Manitoba's Conservative premier:

Filmon confirmed yesterday his government had received a draft copy of the positions put forward for a potential agreement by Mexico, Canada and the United States.

**Hon. Raymond J. Perrault:** Not available to the Senate.

**Senator Molgat:** It goes on to say:

Industry and Trade Minister Eric Stefanson, who has been analysing the free trade briefs, said he believes Canada's position at the negotiating table is not far from Manitoba's.

How can you say that it is not in the public domain? You are prepared to give it to a provincial premier who is prepared to discuss it with members of his cabinet.

**Hon. Stanley Haidasz:** Because he is a Conservative.

**Senator Molgat:** But we, in this chamber, are not allowed to see the draft?

**Senator Perrault:** We cannot see it in British Columbia either.

**Senator Murray:** Honourable senators, I do not know what document Premier Filmon may have, but I would presume it is the same document that we have given under a procedure that I do not have a description of at the moment—

**Senator Perrault:** It is indescribable, all right.

**Senator Murray:**—but that we have shared with opposition members in the other place.

**Senator Molgat:** Why are we not entitled to have at least as much as a provincial premier? We have a responsibility in the same way as he does.

**Hon. Royce Frith (Leader of the Opposition):** Because we are only the Senate.

**Senator Murray:** I do not know what document Premier Filmon or any other premier may have. I suspect it is the same document that the government has offered to share with the opposition leadership in the other place.

**Senator Frith:** But not in the Senate.

**Senator Murray:** The subject came up last week. I will inquire to see what the government can properly share.

**Senator Frith:** With the Senate?

**Senator Murray:** No, not with the Senate; with representatives of the opposition in the Senate.

#### IMPACT ON CANADIAN LABOUR

**Hon. Philippe Deane Gigantès:** Is the Leader of the Government convinced that negotiations for a trilateral free trade pact will also be in the spirit portrayed by Professor Roger Lipsey in his analysis of the U.S.-Canada trade pact in a book that your government was distributing in great numbers to instruct us during those days?

**Hon. Lowell Murray (Leader of the Government):** Honourable senators, as I said, I am perfectly prepared, and Mr. Wilson is even better prepared, to discuss the objectives of Canada in entering the NAFTA negotiations. Our objectives are barrier-free access to the Mexican market—which is of 80 million people, not an inconsiderable market in terms of size—and it is to obtain, in this trilateral arrangement, improved access to the United States market and enhancement of the investment climate in Canada.

**Senator Gigantès:** But Mexican workers replacing Canadian workers in making automobiles, for instance, are paid \$1.40 an hour. Every time a Canadian worker is replaced, there will not be an automobile sold to those Mexican workers to compensate for the automobile that is not made here. What happens to Canadian workers who are thus displaced?

**Senator Murray:** The honourable senator is making quite a number of assumptions in his question. Earlier today, I discussed the share of production costs accounted for by labour. It is about 20 per cent.

In any case, the honourable senator talks about Mexican labour replacing Canadian labour in building automobiles. I do not know what that has to do with the negotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

In terms of our relationship with the United States, we have had the Canada-U.S. Auto Pact in place since the mid-1960s.

**Senator Gigantès:** If we open up our market to cars produced in Mexico, our manufacturers, most of them Tories, will move down there. Mr. Lipsey said, in that book which you were distributing, that the most important thing about the U.S.-Canada free trade agreement would turn out to be that Canadian investors would be able to invest in the United States without any impediments. Might I suggest to the Leader of the Government that the majority of the people in Canada are not interested in investing in Mexico, are not interested in investors who invest in Mexico, but are more interested in jobs here?

#### DRAFT REPORT—AVAILABILITY TO SENATE

**Hon. Pat Carney:** I have a question for the Leader of the Government in the Senate. You just made an offer to share a draft document or to seek permission to share a draft document on the NAFTA deal with representatives of the members of the opposition in the Senate. Would you undertake to seek the same permission to share that document with members of the government caucus, possibly through the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs?