

- June 13** In visit to Ottawa, Vice-President Bush says that world's largest trading partnership is "too important" to let trade tiffs upset it.
- June 2** First Ministers' Meeting in Ottawa agrees to federal-provincial co-operation, including quarterly First Ministers' Meeting.
- May 28** Simon Reisman formally appointed Canada's Chief Negotiator.
- May 21-22** Simon Reisman and U.S. Negotiator Peter Murphy meet for first time in Ottawa to discuss organization of trade talks.
- April 23** In divided vote 10-10, Senate Finance Committee grants "fast-track" authority to President's request for trade negotiations.
- March 18** Washington Summit. President Reagan says trade agreement could be heralded as a "landmark accomplishment, a cornerstone for future prosperity" for both countries.
- February 3** Minister for International Trade James Kelleher establishes Sectorial Advisory Groups on International Trade. These will interact with government to ensure that sectoral views are taken into account on international trade matters.
- January 5** Trade Minister Kelleher announces membership of 39-person International Trade Advisory Committee.
- Continuing Committee on Trade Negotiations, representing senior provincial trade representatives and Negotiating Team, holds first of many meetings on trade initiative.