

highly supportive of free trade. No doubt. The large multinationals are very much in favour of it, and I will come to the reasons for that in a moment.

Let me quote again from *The Gazette* of Montreal. The headline reads "Free trade worries computer firms. Pact would mean loss of 150,000 jobs to U.S., association says". That is a story out of Winnipeg.

The Canada-U.S. Free Trade Deal will ensure that Canadians subsidiaries will lose 150,000 high-paying computer-data jobs to their U.S. parent firms over the next six years, the Canadian Independent Computer Services Association told a parliamentary committee yesterday.

These are the kinds of impacts independent associations feel they will have as a result of the deal.

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I have to spend a moment on the obvious hypocrisy of the Liberal Party. Members of that Party speak out of all sides of their mouths on this issue. We have the Liberal Premier of Quebec, Mr. Bourassa, publicly stating he is absolutely in favour of it. We have the former Trudeau Liberal Minister of Finance, Donald Macdonald, publicly supporting it. Of course he has to quieten down now a little bit since he has been appointed as the High Commissioner to Great Britain as his just rewards for having promoted free trade along with his Conservative buddy, the former Premier of Alberta.

Even Senator George van Roggen has split from the Liberal caucus and has gone public saying free trade is the greatest deal of all. Let us not forget that on January 30, 1985 in Vancouver he was interviewed and he said: "Agriculture should be excluded from such an agreement, as is the case in nearly all other free trade areas". We will probably find out in a few months or years down the road what his just reward will be for not living up to his own words. As we know now, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture does not support the FTA. It represents the overwhelming majority of farmers and farm groups in the country.

I want to quote now from the briefing paper for Secretary Baker and Ambassador Yeutter, a briefing paper provided to them in relation to the FTA on energy. I think Canadians have a great deal to fear in terms of the lost future when it comes to the kind of control Washington and the U.S. Congress and Senate now have over our oil supplies. This is called "Questions and Answers for Clayton Yeutter". It states:

Canada is by far our largest supplier of imported energy. In 1986 Canada was our largest supplier of oil (ahead of Mexico, Venezuela and Saudi Arabia) and uranium (about two-thirds of our imports and about one-fourth of total consumption), and accounted for almost all our imports of natural gas and electricity. Canada was also the largest market for U.S. coal exports for the first nine months of 1986.

The total value of two-way energy trade between the U.S. and Canada has been about \$10 billion per year or more in recent years, with the likelihood that it will grow in future years as a result of increasing U.S. import requirements. The U.S./Canada energy trade relationship is the world's largest and the total value of this trade exceeds the value of our total trade (all goods and services) with all but a handful of other countries in the world.

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Is it not interesting, Mr. Speaker, that here, even in a situation in which there is diminished supply, we have to continue to provide it to U.S. consumers? Even if they do not have line-ups at gas stations in the U.S. during an oil crisis, Canadians would have to be lining up knowing that at various border crossings our energy was going across into the U.S. to provide fuel to Americans at a time when we were facing shortages.

Mr. McDermid: That has been in effect since 1974.

Mr. Fulton: The Parliamentary Secretary from Brampton—Georgetown thinks that is just right. There are an awful lot of Canadians who do not like that idea.

Let me quote an article written by Marjorie Nichols entitled "Energy pact fuels fears for future" in which she states:

The energy pact is the Trojan Horse in this trade deal. In fact, it's dishonest to pretend that the energy pact has a logical place in a trade deal dedicated to dismantling the man-made barriers to commerce between Canada and the U.S.

The energy package is devoted to an entirely different objective. Its purpose is to dismantle the God-given distinctiveness assigned to Canada by its resources.

Under the section, the U.S. is to be awarded the right for all time to sup as an absolute equal at Canada's resource table.

There is no other independent country in the history of this world that has voluntarily and peacefully agreed to share its sovereignty with another country.

Let me conclude with another point. She went on to state:

As troubling as the realization that we have a government that doesn't know what it has proposed giving away rights that other nations would go to war to preserve, is the suspicion that the entire energy section may have been drafted by the Americans.

Marjorie Nichols goes on to point out why. Let us just remember one other thing in terms of history on the question of energy. I refer to the great pipeline debate that went on in this House a few years ago and the great American promise that the construction of the prebuild that goes down from just south of Calgary in California and into the Midwest would be completed from Alaska down to Calgary and provide back to Canada the natural gas that we had sold them through the prebuild. Where is that promise? Of course it was Mitchell Sharp who sat on there drawing down 50 or 100 grand a year all these last years while nothing was going on.

So on a whole variety of fronts I think I have made it clear with quotations from authorities that this deal is bad for Canada. I suppose we can just sleep at night thinking it was the former Member for Vancouver Centre who is so pleased to be the Mother of Confederation with the United States.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I would like to hear the speeches from the Hon. Member for Selkirk—Interlake (Mr. Holtmann) but I think the Member has already spoken on this set of motions. The Chair recognizes the Hon. Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Lachine East (Mr. Allmand) on debate.