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AIRPORTS

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT—SUGGESTED
IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Bill Tupper (Nepean—Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring Members' attention to a major study of the Ottawa International Airport which has just been completed.

The study, commissioned by the Ottawa-Carleton Economic Development Corporation, points to two surmountable obstacles to growth. First, although the airport has the fifth largest passenger volume in Canada, it ranks last in terms of direct access to major U.S. air transportation hubs. Second, Winnipeg, Calgary, and Edmonton all have U.S. preclearance facilities, but the Ottawa airport lacks such a service.

The airport study indicates that we could remedy the first defect without bilateral negotiations by designating Ottawa as an underserved destination. The second defect could be remedied by granting immunity to U.S. Customs and Immigration agents, assuming the U.S. would reciprocate.

These are constructive recommendations to improve the airport of our nation's capital. I would like to encourage further consideration of them by our transportation Ministry.

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NATURAL RESOURCES

WATER—POSITION OF LIBERAL AND PROGRESSIVE
CONSERVATIVE LEADERS

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, in the last few weeks, while western farmers have been experiencing the worst drought in 50 years and people in central Canada have been baking in temperatures in excess of 35 degrees, a lot of politicians have been hopping on the bandwagon and protecting our water from the Americans. Well, in a speech to the United States Chamber of Commerce, 1967, the Leader of the Liberal Party (Mr. Turner) said:

If some day we can agree to the sharing of this continent's water by offering some of our water for export, we might want to insist that if water is to be considered a continental resource, markets should also be considered on the same basis . . . That, as I see it, must be our position.

Mr. Speaker, when Liberals get up in this House to defend our water, they should remember that their Leader was prepared to export our precious water only a few years ago.

What about Liberal Premier Robert Bourassa? In 1985 he said:

There is little doubt that Québec and Canada could be a source of water for North America in years to come.

Brian Mulroney in an interview in 1985 with *Fortune* magazine said:

If somebody wanted to buy a little of our water, hell, we are in business, that is what it is all about. We have it coming out of our ears in Sept-Îles.

Can Canadians really feel that our precious water is safe in the hands of this Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) or the Leader of the Liberal Party?

As prairie farmers watch their crops shrivel and die from a lack of rain, and as the millions of Canadians living near the Great Lakes are faced with the diversion of much of this water to the United States, they should consider just who they can really trust to stand up and fight to keep control over our water resources. It is not this Government and it is not the Liberal Party. Only one Party has been consistent in the defence of our water—the New Democratic Party of Canada.

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TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—THE
ADVANTAGES

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, because of free trade in the automotive sector, General Motors of Canada has over the past three years invested 3.7 billion dollars in the Oshawa riding. That is money that is of immediate benefit to 20 350 workers, and the investment is due to free trade in the automotive sector. Fifty per cent of Ontario's exports to the U.S. in recent years are attributable to free trade in that sector.

The Member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent), the leader of the socialist Party, is very well aware that American investment under free trade is profitable to the Oshawa riding.

Bob White, president of United Auto Workers, also knows how profitable free trade is for automobile workers in the Oshawa region.

It is strange, Mr. Speaker, that Bob White is against free trade when it pays him so well and pays the socialist leader so well. We should remember that Bob White is the national vice-president of the socialist party. These two men, White and Broadbent, have vowed that Canadians who do not live in Oshawa will not be prosperous.

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TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—WATER
RESOURCES

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, it is very disturbing to learn that Americans are already saying that water is included in the trade agreement, despite denials here in Ottawa. In addition, pressure is mounting to increase the flow of water from Lake Michigan into the midwest river