

talked about interest rates. We've raised the whole question of tax reform. I give a bouquet to the federal government for allowing Saskatchewan to experiment with the modified flat tax and other provisions. I believe that they will look very seriously at this because it's important in terms of jobs and growth and economic activity and protecting what we have now to look at our neighbour that now has 75 percent of the trade that we already do. So I know that they're looking at it seriously. I was encouraged by Mr. Clark's paper. He points out an awful lot of the advantages. I believe the MacDonald commission is pointing to others. I don't think that Canadians can afford just to look at the past and say well, I'll protect this little job. I believe that they at some point have to have the courage and be bold enough to say we are as competitive as they are in the United States, we are as good as they are. We can compete with it. The future is much brighter with a large common market, as they have in Europe, for the United States and Canada, and it's there if we want to go for it. The alternative is frankly quite scary.

CTV: I want to talk to you one more point before we have to leave you Mr. Premier and that's tax reform, as you mentioned. Your group came out in favour of major tax reform. Is there something that you know about the upcoming federal budget that we don't know?

DEVINE: Really there isn't Linda. I obviously visited and talked with our federal officials on tax changes. I've given a bouquet to the federal government for allowing us