

*Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement*

dumping or countervail or the regulatory NTBs, and only a partial rollback of pervasive U.S. buy America legislation.

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The Government has presented this to the country, saying that these benefits constitute opportunity; and more than that, an economic blueprint for the future.

The Government states that out of these marginal trade gains will come the so-called winners and the prosperity promised by it. We shall see.

Let's look at the price we had to pay to get these so-called winners. We have given up all our tariffs, tariffs which have protected Canadian industry for decades. This is the so-called "cold shower" of competition envisaged by the pundits.

Out of this cold shower will appear our losers—industries and firms which are important, and even fundamental, to Canadian communities but which will fail to survive and, by their failure, throw thousands of Canadians out of work. We have given up our right to control for Canadians our energy sector. In this vital area of our economy, an area where already we are dominated by and subjected to a high degree of non-Canadian control, decisions on who, where, and when we develop our resources will, without question, and in total deference to corporate America, be made in the boardrooms of Dallas, New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

However, the boardroom table in Calgary, in Montreal, in Toronto will sit empty, with only a vase of wilted flowers, a two-week old copy of the *Wall Street Journal*, and perhaps a fax machine for communicating with head office.

Shame on the Parliament or the legislature that abandons the worker, his spouse, and his children in Lloydminster or in Campbellton to the unrestrained business decision of a person or group outside Canada, someone who knows nothing about that man, his family, his city, his pride, or his dreams, and who has absolutely no interest in the regional and national goals of this country.

That is abdication of our responsibility as legislators, and that is what this Government is doing under the guise of the Free Trade Agreement. Not only do we give up control of the boardroom, we have agreed to pool our energy with that of the U.S.A. We have had to give up our right to decide for Canadians how and when energy resources are exploited and marketed. Washington will

now help us decide, and Washington has a guaranteed share.

We have given up our right to control our capital markets for Canadians. Now decisions on credit worthiness, commercial viability and discount rates will be taken in New York and handed down to the suitcase banker. Decisions on how and when capital is invested, and even how the non-bank savings of Canadians are reinvested, have now, by this agreement, been effectively exported to wherever the Lear jet has been parked. Canadians resent this Government permitting this fundamental tool of nation-building to be tossed into the tool box of corporate America.

In one of the more cruel ironies of this agreement our negotiators set out to claim some form of exemption for our cultural industries. Well, they got an exemption in Article 2005, but there was a price tag, a price tag defined as "measures of equivalent commercial effect".

This means that if an American enterprise is prejudiced or harmed by cultural initiatives or our Government, that enterprise will have to be compensated.

The net result is that, where our cultural initiatives stray from the American commercial norm and it costs an American money, we must compensate that American; in effect, pay a royalty.

The Canadian people, Mr. Speaker, will never pay a royalty to Americans to enable us to foster our cultural initiatives. I call this price tag the Jack Valenti royalty.

As one example of the many giveaways in this trade agreement we have agreed, in a related cultural industry provision, to remove from our Income Tax Act the provision which has influenced Canadian advertisers to place their buys with Canadian magazines and publications printed in Canada.

This provision has sustained and given new life to the Canadian periodical publishing industry, and this new life is now to be placed in jeopardy.

And what about the losers, Mr. Speaker? They are there, too. All sides of this House recognize that there will be losers under this deal. Entrepreneurs will lose their businesses; workers will lose their jobs in bankruptcies; workers will lose their jobs in branch plants when those plants close following head office decisions south of the border, decisions made because the protective tariff is gone and the fact that just one extended production run in Cairo, Illinois, or Columbia, South Carolina will produce all that is required to serve the whole of the North American market.