

This section also deals with the important question of Canada's aboriginal peoples, including self-government.

The second section, "Responsive Institutions for a Modern Canada," deals with overhauling our parliamentary institutions, to make them more responsive and more representative.

Central to these proposals is an elected Senate and less rigid party discipline in the House of Commons.

We have also introduced some new proposals involving the provinces in how Supreme Court judges are selected, as well as a proposal for Senate review of certain appointments such as the Governor of the Bank of Canada and the heads of federal cultural institutions, agencies, and regulatory boards.

Recent American experiences in this area will no doubt influence some Canadian thinking!

In the third section, "Preparing for a More Prosperous Future," we suggest a number of proposals to enhance our chances for prosperity including eliminating barriers to inter-provincial trade; a federal legislative power to manage the economic union; a re-deployment of certain federal powers to the provinces in areas such as training, immigration, broadcasting, and culture; a confirmation of exclusive provincial jurisdiction in certain areas such as tourism, forestry, mining, and municipal affairs; and the streamlining of certain programs by delegating certain powers such as drug prosecutions, some aspects of bankruptcy law, and wildlife conservation and protection to the provinces.

We believe that these proposals on the economic union are fundamental to Canada's future.

As I have indicated, one cannot separate politics from economics.

A strong competitive performance internationally enhances national unity, just as a strong, united country is a prerequisite for economic success.

And you, in this country, are not isolated from the fall-out of our constitutional deliberations.

A united Canada is clearly in the best interests of the United States. We represent your largest destination for exports and investments and a fragmented Canada would provide yet another instability for American capital and industry.

The importance of this economic relationship is not lost on the leader of the Parti Québécois who would like to establish an independent social, cultural, and foreign policy in an