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Countervail and anti-dumping are part of an array of so-called "contingency protection" measures designed to offset predatory pricing or unfair subsidies applied by exporting countries. Threats of countervail are blossoming in the United States, threatening Canadian jobs in export industries ranging from lumber to steel to uranium to raspberries. They are being applied in an increasingly aggressive and undisciplined manner. That is a roadblock we would like to talk about in any trade negotiations.

Our general access to the American market is threatened with more erosion every day. There are over three hundred protectionist bills in the Congress today. They either threaten or have already harmed \$6 billion in Canadian exports, and 140,000 jobs, affecting all regions of the country and a wide range of commodities.

That's the threat from Congress. In addition, various States dream up other ways to stop our trade. This summer, for example, four Western states slapped a prohibition on our pork, claiming they didn't like the antibiotics our pigs were being fed.