

DEVINE: Well, no, I'm not talking about subsidies. I'm talking about giving industries time to adjust to international conditions if in fact they're living now between an extremely high tariff wall and if they are protected now to a large extent it's costing us money. It's costing us money to protect those jobs that are isolated to that particular industry. If you can have a five year or a ten year, or whatever it is, adjustment period in some key industries that you want to look at, then you can see the industry react in terms of its managements, technology and so forth to compete internationally, but that is... I want to point out again and emphasize, that's only part of the problem that we would face compared to ... or only a small part of the problem we'd face, compared to if we lost complete industries because the United States quit trading with us and that's a very real threat. In six months from now or a year for now and eighteen months from now, please look back at this interview and say by gosh, I'm sure glad that we did move towards free trade with the United States because obviously they're blocking other countries from coming into their market.

CTV: Mr. Premier, what affect do you think that your statement will have on the federal government, on its plans, how it wants to deal with free trade, the free trade issue?

DEVINE: Well, I believe that the federal government has always looked seriously at the western premiers conference. We have been noted for reform and ideas and enthusiasm and having the courage to stick our chin out on many issues. We