

leaders, debate the issues. The Government wins the subsequent vote on the motion 160-58.

- March 16-17** Tenth meeting (Ottawa).
- March 11** First Ministers' meet with Prime Minister Mulroney in Ottawa.
- February 19-20** Ninth meeting (Washington).
- January 27** In his annual State of the Union Address, President Reagan commits his Administration "to complete an historic free trade arrangement between the world's two largest trading partners-Canada and the United States."
- January 21** Vice-President George Bush and Treasury Secretary James Baker visit Ottawa. The Vice-President says the talks are "very important ... and very possible to bring to fruition," adding "if we can work with Canada and work out the problems that we have with this significant, tremendous, trading partner, that will in my view set a lick for free trade all across the world."
- January 15-16** Eighth meeting (Washington).

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- December 16-18** Seventh meeting (Washington).
- December 9** U.S. Senators Bentsen, Chaffee, Matsunaga, Baucus visit Ottawa. Senator Baucus, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee says "I think the chances are very good we can work out an agreement. We need a truly free trade agreement. I support such an agreement. I believe the Senate Committee will support such an agreement."