- Canadian society and Newfoundland society are more deeply-rooted and more mature than something that could be swept away by increased trade with the U.S.

Myth #10

- John Turner and Ed Broadbent say that our sovereignty is in peril, that under the Free Trade Agreement we are on our way to becoming the 51st state.

Facts

- These are no more than dark fears conjured up without reference to what the Free Trade Agreement actually does provide for improved rules for commercial trade between Canada and the U.S.
- Canadians can choose to enter the Free Trade Agreement and they can choose to end it any time they want, on six months notice. That is the choice of a sovereign nation.
- For me, sovereignty has one further practical test the ability of a nation to control its destiny. By that test Canada gains sovereignty through the Free Trade Agreement, by being placed on an equal footing with the U.S. in applying a common set of rules for resolving trade disputes and by achieving greater opportunities for development as a rising economic power.
- That is the reality ... not the myth ... of sovereignty that I want to achieve for Canadians.

Those are ten reasons to support Free Trade, those are ten myths about Free Trade. I believe that Canadians have the determination and the fair-mindedness to sort through the facts and the myths. I believe that when the time comes to decide, they will strongly support the Free Trade Agreement.