

"Buy America" is a programme which can lock Canadians out of the market for goods bought or financed by U.S. governments, local, state or federal. It can force Canadian companies to move to United States in order to sell there. That is why Bombardier recently had to move a Canadian plant to Vermont, to supply sub-way cars to New York. Flyer Industries of Manitoba, who produce buses were forced to move their final assembly facilities to Minnesota. Ontario Urban Transit Development Commission has similar problems.

If we were to set as a target just 1% of the goods now controlled by the "Buy America" policy, we would increase our export sales by \$5 billion. Yet we are virtually shut out of that market, right next door. That is a roadblock we would like to talk about in any trade negotiations.

"Safeguards", so-called, permit a country temporarily to protect its domestic industry when it can be demonstrated that imports are causing serious injury to that domestic industry. Safeguard actions have to apply to all countries, whether their exports are part of the problem or not. So, if Japanese steel is a problem to the United States, they "safeguard" themselves against steel from all countries, including Canada. We are vulnerable to being side-swiped by action directed at others.

That has threatened Canadian jobs in steel and with respect to petroleum-related products.