

a process that would have been unlikely without the Free Trade Agreement.

Critics have suggested that Canada did not gain exemption from U.S. trade law. But, it should be noted that the U.S. did not get an exemption from our countervailing and anti-dumping laws either. However, the trade liberalizing provisions of the Free Trade Agreement will ensure that American protectionism will not be used to hinder Canada's competitive advantage.

Finally, I should like to address the myth that Canada will not be able to adjust to free trade with the United States. The truth is that the adjustment to free trade will be a key feature of the implementation of the Free Trade Agreement over the next 10 years.

This Government has a proven commitment to job creation and of easing the process of employment adjustment. Since 1984, over 1.3 million jobs have been created, and the Economic Council of Canada predicts that another 250,000 new jobs will be created due to the Free Trade Agreement. This Government has also established the Advisory Council on Adjustment, which will make recommendations to the Government on the effectiveness of these programs and advise as to what changes may be necessary as the Canadian economy adjusts to meet the challenges of free trade.

The federal Government will also work closely with the provinces to ensure the effectiveness of Government programs and to ensure that Canadian workers and business take full advantage of the new opportunities provided by the Free Trade Agreement.

I know, and the people of Brampton—Malton know, that with new challenges we can expect change. I am proud to say that the people of Brampton—Malton are not afraid to meet that challenge.

If the Free Trade Agreement means prosperity for Canadians—and I believe it does; if the Free Trade Agreement means more jobs for Canadians—and I believe it does; if the Free Trade Agreement means a more secure future—and I believe it does, then we need the Free Trade Agreement implemented immediately.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[*Translation*]

Mr. Douglas Young (Gloucester): Mr. Speaker, it is an honour for me tonight to rise in the House as Member for the Gloucester riding. First of all, I want to thank my Gloucester constituents for having put their

trust in me. I must admit that I am somewhat disappointed, as we are dealing with such an important issue, not to have been able to move amendments to a Bill which will have such a tremendous impact on the future of Canada. We have, of course, discussed several items of this bill over the past few days, but always with the same response.

Before dealing with the ideas which I wish to express on behalf of my constituents, I wish to pay tribute in a particular way to Mr. Roger Clinch who preceded me in the House as the Conservative Member for the Gloucester riding. May I take this opportunity to offer him and his family my best wishes, for we all know that political life is always difficult and, in his case, he was a worthy representative of the Gloucester riding. He has always represented all the groups in the riding in a reasonable and responsible manner.

[*English*]

I want to say that my predecessor in this House, Roger Clinch, deserves a lot of credit for the gentlemanly manner in which he conducted himself and the exemplary manner in which he represented the people of Gloucester.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Young (Gloucester): Politics is never an easy career, and with that in mind I want to express to Mr. Clinch's family the best wishes of all of us here. As well, with Christmas so near, I wish to extend the best wishes of myself and those in this place to the people of Gloucester County, the City of Bathurst, and the Acadian Peninsula. With Christmas so near, I know that they have many things to think about besides politics, but I hope that, after we have gone through this process, the people of Gloucester and the people of Canada will be the better for it.

In listening to Hon. Members on both sides of the House discuss the Free Trade Agreement with the United States, it became apparent that there is a general belief that because one votes for a given candidate, one believes in everything put forward by that candidate.

That is not my experience. In my experience, one does not necessarily agree with all of the positions put forward by the individual for whom one casts one's vote. One can think of a great many issues that have come before this august Chamber in the past, and will come before it again, such as abortion and capital punishment, on which there is a great divergence of views.