

is reached on these amendments, the ratification process could probably proceed fairly quickly.

Extra-territoriality

A cause of irritation between Canada and the USA is the assumption of jurisdiction by US government and regulatory agencies over persons, property and events in Canada. Examples of US attempts to exercise extra-territorial jurisdiction within the past two years include: the Federal Reserve Board's involvement in certain Canadian bank activities with other Canadian financial institutions; the Inter-State Commerce Commission's efforts to deregulate US railways in a way that could adversely affect Canadian railways in Canada; and proposals to have the Federal Maritime Commission regulate Canadian shipping between Canada and third countries when US cargo or ports are involved.

Although a number of out-of-court settlements were reached last year, the antitrust litigation in US courts launched by US private parties against Canadian and other uranium producers has raised serious concerns for Canada. The Canadian government maintains that in this case the actions of Canadian companies, which were taken outside the USA, and required by Canadian law and policy, should not be reviewed by US courts. Legislation (Bill C-41) has been introduced in Parliament aimed at protecting Canadian citizens and corporations from the effects of extra-territorial rulings by foreign tribunals.

Communications

The Canada-US relationship in the field of communications is the most complex and sophisticated between any two countries. Operational agreements between Canadian and US telecommunications carriers govern transborder telephone, telex, and data traffic and new technologies such as space and computer communications will probably be accommodated through similar arrangements. Relations are characterized by a high degree of co-operation and close co-ordination. However, the different communications policies in the two countries (i.e. the US "open skies and free market" compared to the more "regulated, culturally sensitive" Canadian approach) have given rise to some areas of disagreement. Where these occur, they often reflect