Quebec and attract $700 million in investment. I said acccording to us, Mr. Speaker, because in the fall of 1986, an article published in *Le Devoir économique* and signed by Françoise Côté, predicted 10,000 jobs in Montreal as a result of Bill C-22.

At that time, the New Democratic Party distributed across Canada a form drafted in English: *Fund for Fair Drug Prices.* In the form Canadians were urged to kill Bill C-22, which would of course kill the 10,000 jobs mentioned in *Le Devoir.* The form was in English only, and this was also an opportunity to do some campaigning and collect money. Mr. Speaker, this is the form drafted by the Socialists I am sorry, it is in English only-:

[*English*]

"Each $100 gift will enable us to send 400 more letters like this one".

[*Translation*]

Which means letters aimed at killing Bill C-22. The New Democratic Party is using taxpayers' money to campaign against Bill C-22 and against 10,000 jobs in Quebec.

We thank the Socialists on behalf of the province of Quebec and all Francophones in this country. Thank you very so you have been a great help in defending the cause of Bill C-22. We will remember that.

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[*English*]

THE CONSTITUTION

MEECH LAKE ACCORD—COMMITTEE APPEARANCE BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, yesterday private citizen Trudeau appeared before the Special Joint Committee on the 1987 Constitutional Accord. He was great.

He spoke about the cultivation of a national spirit and of a Canadian patriotism. He said that the proposed Accord weakens the national spirit because it gives greater powers to the provinces and nothing in return to the federal Government. He said that because of the Accord there will be greater powers for the provinces. "It's more than a triumph for provincial patriotism over national patriotism," he said. "This Accord digs right into the very essence of Canadian nationalism. The Accord saps the strength of the elements that compose a modern state".

"Towards one's country, one's nation, one's people," Mr. Trudeau said, "there must be a loyalty greater than the sum of the loyalties toward the provinces". The Accord undermines this greater loyalty.

Canadians appreciate what Mr. Trudeau says. The Accord is not good for Canada.

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TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES NEGOTIATIONS—*GLOBE AND MAIL* EDITORIAL

Mr. William C. Winegard (Guelph): Mr. Speaker, it continues to concern me that many Canadians are living in the dark ages with respect to a new trading arrangement between Canada and the United States. They should read the editorial in *The Globe and Mail* of August 27. I wish to quote in part from that editorial:

> Free trade is coming down to a choice between critical judgment and uncritical opposition . . . free trade's opponents are withdrawing even more aggressively into rigid and negative postures.
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> How is the national interest served by campaigns on the political left to prejudge a trade agreement with the United States? How are workers protected by purported leaders who reject out of hand the bulk of studies showing significant potential benefits to workers?

We may not get a deal. But why do my colleagues on the left insist on having no real faith in Canadians?

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

COLLECTION OF INCOME TAX FROM PENSIONERS IN MANITOBA

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that Canadian National has sent out a letter to its pensioners in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia. In this letter CN announces that it will be deducting income tax off their pension cheques retroactive to January 1, 1987.

It concerns me that in this letter they refer to income tax increases in the Province of Manitoba. Those income tax increases became effective on July 1, 1987, not January 1, 1987. There is no justification whatever for CN to go back to January 1, 1987, and tell its pensioners that it will be deducting more than normal in these coming six months to make up for the period from January to July when that tax increase was not in effect from January to July.

God knows how it screwed it up with respect to the other provinces, but we know for sure with respect to Manitoba that CN is wrong in the manner it is going ahead with regard to income tax deductions from pensioners' cheques.

I know that pensioners have raised this issue, and I hope that by my raising it here CN will very soon rectify this situation that should not have happened in the first instance.