

other people in this country who are saying, well if we go to free trade that will cost us jobs too.

DEVINE: Well, that may be, but the downside, for Canada is extremely high, if the United States, because of their increased trade deficit, six months from now, a year from now, really starts to restrict trade and particularly the goods coming out of Canada into the United States. We could see companies, large companies in the steel business, in the lumber business and high tech and so forth saying why should I be in Canada when the border's being closed, why don't I just move into the United States. So manufacturers and investors across this country are not going to stay in Canada when the market is south of the border. In that case not only do we not get new jobs, we lose an awful lot of jobs, thousands and thousands of jobs, that we have right here now and I think that's one of the things that have convinced Howard Pawley that we should move towards a free trade market and the common market with the United States because it's not only protecting the status quo, it's the increase in economic activity in jobs in the future. So we have to look at both because if we run into a problem where we couldn't trade with the United States or were severely restricted Canada loses, the United States doesn't.

CTV: It's all fine and well for us in Canada, for western premiers, for other premiers, for groups like the C.D. Howe Institute to propose free trade, however I wonder if the U.S. would come out in favour, would agree to it, at this point and particularly if there were provisions of the type that