

Adjournment Debate

which will see increased foreign competition. The study advised the Ontario Government to oppose trading off losses in the service sector for gains elsewhere.

In the House on October 14 my question was, what type of negotiations took place with the provinces that they were going to be able to bargain away areas that came under provincial jurisdiction? It is very clear in this agreement that services have been part of it. The Economic Council of Canada has not done any studies in the service area. It has stated that it will undertake a study in the future. It did not compile that when it was projecting a great gain in employment.

It is crucial that the Government looks at the implications to the women of this country, 80 per cent of whom are employed in the service industry. It is important that the Government look at that and recognize the implications. As soon as the Government receives those results, without any whys or wherefores, it should tell the United States that we will not be different to any other country in the world, and we will not include services in any of our trade agreements.

Mr. Murray Cardiff (Parliamentary Secretary to Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, the trade agreement will secure and enhance Canada's export opportunities in the United States, providing better economic opportunities for all Canadians. This is as true in the service industries as in the goods producing industries.

For the first time, there will be a binding agreement governing trade and investment in a large number of service sectors. Those sectors include, for example, computer services, professional and business services, and enhanced telecommunications services.

The agreement will ensure that in the future U.S. laws and regulations will not be changed so as to deny Canadian service suppliers in the United States equal treatment *vis-à-vis* their American competitors, or prevent them from establishing in the United States or maintaining a commercial presence there. Of course, as is only reasonable, Canada will accept the same disciplines in future with regard to our laws and regulations.

The agreement will also bring immediate help to business travellers crossing the Canada-U.S. border in the course of their business. Unnecessary prior approval procedures and other requirements will be eliminated, without affecting either country's control of its immigration policies. The result will be greater freedom for Canadian suppliers of a large number of services to pursue new business opportunities in the United States. The agreement will truly secure and enhance our access to United States markets in the sectors it covers.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 3(1).

The House adjourned at 6.24 p.m.
