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ing with today, I would think that most of the business would be done between countries rather than between Canada. But I can say we do have a

Senator Bolduc: That applies to Canadian companies with ties in Mexico or Czechoslovakia. Is it mostly trade of industrial things like [illegible], for example, engineering and things like [illegible]?

Mr. Sagaway: We do not deal, for example, in industry raw materials. We do deal with Czechoslovakia. I am sorry, I do not have a description of the nature of the trade between Czechoslovakia and Canada. I can certainly obtain that information for you, but I do not know it.

The Chairman: I understand that the antidumping treaty with Mexico is different from the others in terms of an exchange of information convention. Is this normal in these kinds of conventions? Is there any specific reason why an exchange of information convention is necessary with Mexico?

Mr. Sagaway: This is just a normal procedure. As I stated before, Mexico had not negotiated tax agreements with other countries for a number of years. They approached us in early 1989 to negotiate an exchange of information agreement as part of the agreement with the United States at that time. However, it was understood that this would not be a prerequisite to the negotiation of a full double taxation convention. Therefore, it is unusual, but the exchange of information convention complements a provision in the double taxation agreement that allows for exchange of information. It is really just an amplification of the exchange of information provision that is in all of our double taxation agreements.

The Chairman: Do any senators have further questions? If not, then I wish to thank the two officials from the Department of Finance, Ms. Savage and Mr. Mastronardi, for appearing here this morning and answering senators' questions.

If there are no further questions, then we will proceed clause by clause through the bill.

Senator Atkins: Is there any point in doing that?

The Chairman: If senators do not regard it necessary to do it clause by clause, then that is fine. The Senate committee then should approve the bill. We will need a motion from an honourable senator that Bill S-2 be reported back to the Senate without amendment.

Senator Carney: I so move that motion.

The Chairman: Is it agreed?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

The Chairman: Shall the motion carry