

anyone else is facing. I think that what is important is that the health of Canadians be first protected. The Member cannot have it both ways, arguing one day this way and one day that way.

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TRADE

CANADA-U.S. FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—EFFECT ON HEALTH MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister and the Minister for International Trade have persistently said that, short of the selling of wine, provincial jurisdictional authority is not impinged upon by this agreement. Of course that is not the case. Many provincial areas are affected. The more we look at the agreement, the more we discover.

Will he now acknowledge that management services, virtually right across the board in the health field, are also included in this deal? These include hospitals, nursing homes, ambulance services, home care services, health clinics and a variety of other medical services, all of which are clearly within the health field and clearly within provincial jurisdictional authority.

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I do not know if my hon. friend is asking for a legal opinion. Perhaps he could ask the courts in that regard at the appropriate time. I have my opinion. He is entitled to his.

Surely he is not trying to contest the right of the federal Government of Canada and the Parliament of Canada to negotiate treaties on behalf of all Canadians. That is exactly what we have done. It is a treaty that we deem to be in the national interest, and surely as a national parliamentarian there ought not to be any suggestion, certainly not in this House, that the right of this Parliament should be frustrated in that regard.

Mr. Broadbent: The question is about Canadian health services which we now discover will be included in this deal.

GOVERNMENT POLICY

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Mr. Speaker, it is not a matter of legal opinion. If he looks at the document and the attached tables he will find that health service are clearly spelled out. Why has the Government not only acknowledged privatization in the health management services field, but gone beyond that by indicating that not only are these services for management to be open to the Canadian private sector, but private American companies will now have the right to intrude right across the board in the management of our health

services? Why has the Government taken this totally unacceptable step in this deal?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I know that my hon. friend is bereft of argument, but I am sure that upon reflection even he would agree that this is the silliest thing he has raised in this House in a long, long time. In one question he includes the privatization of the health services field. These are scare tactics of the worst kind.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: What about the marines invading Manitoba?

Mr. Mulroney: It is typical of the latest comment by the NDP in Manitoba where a Cabinet Minister said that, if we had free trade, the marines will invade Manitoba.

Mr. Broadbent: The problem is the level of ignorance shown by the Prime Minister about his own deal. It is absolutely astonishing. If he reads the deal he will find out that what I said is absolutely true.

[Translation]

HEALTH SERVICES—THE AMERICANS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): My last question is directed to the Prime Minister and is very specific. Security services are specifically excluded from the Agreement. Why didn't the Government do the same for health services? Why this sell-out of our health services to the Americans?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I can hardly call this a question, and I am surprised the Leader of the New Democratic Party would ask this kind of question. One question was asked about services that are not included in the Agreement.

[English]

"cultural industries are specifically excluded, Government provided service such as health care, education and social services including child care and child welfare services, all transportation modes", et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.

My hon. friend knows full well—

[Translation]

—as was obvious from his question that this particular point was examined by many others, including the director of *Le Devoir* this morning. All are very concerned about provincial interests and have an historic mission to protect provincial rights, and they support the Agreement because it is not only in the interests of Quebec but also in the interests—

Mr. Broadbent: Read the document!

Mr. Mulroney: He is asking me to read the document. It really is a shame, and I am sure Quebecers will agree, that the Leader of the New Democratic Party spoke out against the Free Trade Agreement before reading it. It really is a shame for Quebec and for Canada.