

U.S. TRADE LEGISLATION PROPOSALS
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<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>CURRENT LAW</u>	<u>HOUSE</u>	<u>SENATE</u>	<u>ADMIN POSITION</u>	<u>CDN POSITION</u>
IX TARIFF AND CUSTOMS PROVISIONS					
1. <u>Tariff Changes</u>					
		Both the House and the Senate bills call for temporary and permanent changes in tariffs for a number of individual products. Permanent changes include: casein, plums, grapefruit juice, hatters' fur, edgewood plywood and wood veneer, work gloves (made from cut and sewn coated fabrics), broadwoven fabrics, silicone resins, naptha, iron or steel slabs, TV parts, shock wave lithotripters, uranium hexathuride and certain benzoid chemicals).			Canada objects to tariff increases on several products (grapefruit juice, certain plywood and uranium hexathuride. Letter targetted at Canada).
2. <u>Sugar Drawback</u>	Provides for duty drawback to U.S. refiners on sugar imported in last three years.	Extends period for duty drawback back to sugar exported in last ten years. (Oct. 31/77)	Extends period for duty drawback to sugar exported in last 10 years. (Oct. 31/77).	Objects on basis of revenue lost, inconsistency with GATT, fear of retaliation and administrative burden.	Canada objects as extension of drawback period would give U.S. sugar exporters unfair advantage and would be inconsistent with GATT.
3. <u>Scofflaw Penalty</u>	No provision.	Prohibits importation by persons convicted of three serious Customs related offences over seven year period.	No provision. Provides for private right of action for U.S. industry if injured by reason of customs fraud or gross negligence on part of importer.		Canadian concern regarding use of prohibition as instrument of Customs enforcement.