

USTR Yeutter says "we are prepared to resume talks and are ready to meet round the clock, if necessary, to complete an agreement by the deadline."

- September 21-23** Twenty-Second meeting (Washington).
- September 21** Negotiations continue in Washington.
- September 19** Finance Minister Wilson and Chief of Staff Burney meet with Treasury Secretary Baker in Washington to discuss state of talks.
- September 14** First Ministers meet in Ottawa. Prime Minister says major stumbling blocks remain but that a deal is still within reach.
- September 10-11** Twenty-first meeting (Washington).
- August 26-29** Premiers' annual meeting in St. John, New Brunswick. They urge the federal government to use every "strategic instrument" they have to combat trade "harassment" by the U.S. They affirm that the principal objective of the talks is "a guarantee of secure access to the American market."
- August 25** Economic Council of Canada releases its latest study of free trade and concludes that it would create 189,000 to 350,000 jobs and the benefits would spread to all regions of the country. The study says the big winners would be consumers.
- August 24-27** Twentieth meeting (Cornwall).
- August 5** After a briefing from U.S. trade negotiators Senate Finance Committee chairman Lloyd Bentsen (D-Tx) says he is convinced "things will fall into place." He notes, however, that a binding dispute settlement mechanism and exemption from U.S. trade remedy laws would "not be a very likely