Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement

Mr. Fred McCain (Carleton—Charlotte): Mr. Speaker, I was amazed that the Members who made representations from Atlantic Canada found it so difficult to accept the present trade agreement. The history and museums of Atlantic Canada will prove that Atlantic Canada prospered when it could trade by water both eastward and southward.

We have reached a point of great prosperity along the eastern seaboard, with greater and cheaper transportation access, contrary to the assertion of our friend, the stubblejumper from the West. The assertion we heard by those Atlantic Canadian Members is not in agreement with the needs of the forest industry, the fishing industry, the mining industry or the potential steel industry in that part of Canada. The trade in these industries must go either eastward across water or southward by land or water into the New England market.

I have said in the House previously that one can stand on the Empire State building and see an area that contains a population greater than all of Canada.

May I call it 10 o'clock?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It being 10 p.m., pursuant to Order made June 20, 1988, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m. pursuant to Standing Order 3(1).

The House adjourned at 10 p.m.