

10-year, or whatever the magic figure might be, phase-in period and its impact on good, innovative, imaginative Canadian firms that happen to be smaller in size and could be gobbled up by American competitors. The New Democratic Party would not put in motion any kind of resolution that could lead to that. We think, however, that the Government of Canada could do precisely that.

I happen to believe that the kind of political and economic framework provided by social democracy, with a mixed economy using proudly and effectively the instruments of both the private and the public sectors, is the right one. We must proceed with confidence as a starting point and we must have a national development strategy that makes it important for men and women to get jobs while expanding trade. In the final analysis, such a policy says that we have to protect our culture, we have to protect our industries and we have to protect our sovereignty. That is what the Party I happen to lead is all about. It is that kind of political and economic thrust we think is necessary. For that reason, we are completely opposed to the motion before us.