

Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Broadbent: That is different from the United States. We are a nation where pensions and health care are not regarded as simply marketable items that you can get if you can afford to get it or that you have to accept charity if you cannot afford to buy it. We in this country have come to understand that pensions and health care go and ought to go to every citizen in Canada as a human right.

We are a nation with a constitutionally enshrined commitment to regional equality. We are a nation where culture creativity is encouraged actively by government. We are a nation of two official languages and many cultures. We are a nation profoundly different and profoundly better in so many aspects of human existence than the United States, and we intend to keep it that way.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Broadbent: Thus, Mr. Speaker, members of my caucus intend to speak against this legislation and will

continue to fight against a deal that in our view would be seriously injurious to the future of our country. We will not let down those Canadians who have made this great country of ours what it is. We cherish our distinctiveness for ourselves, for our children, and for our children's children. We intend to retain the freedom for each new generation of Canadians to discover and decide for themselves what will be their path to building a better nation. We continue, in short, to plan on fighting the good fight that our predecessors have waged and that our successors will continue long after we are gone.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It being 6.27 p.m., pursuant to agreement reached earlier this day, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 10 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 6.27 p.m.
