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Quebec's Energy Minister. I probably did not pronounce his name right, and I apologize if I did not.

In *The Financial Post* of November 23, 1987 he is reported to have said:

Some Quebec Liberals have begun talking openly about sitting out the next election. Even Bourassa's energy minister, John Ciaccia, has been quoted as saying, "I will have problems supporting a guy who takes such positions," referring primarily to Turner's free trade stand.

Is that not interesting? Let us now move on to Ontario. We will cut across the nation.

Ray Curran, President of the Sarnia—Lambton Riding Association—and I am referring to Liberals, by the way, and I will go on to some New Democrats later—had this to say, as reported in *The Gazette* of Montreal:

Liberal Leader John Turner's position on free trade is totally irresponsible. You can't make agreements between two sovereign governments and then just rip them up.

Let us move along to what Allison DeLong said in the New Brunswick Legislative Assembly:

Mr. Speaker, our Premier and this government have gone on record as endorsing the impending free trade agreement. I believe this is the most significant event for our people since Confederation.

We now have New Brunswick, pretty well 100 per cent, on side; except for a few New Democrats if they could ever be found. They are all saying this openly.

Mr. Langdon: Why don't you run in Selkirk?

Mr. Holtmann: Why does the former premier not run in my riding instead of me running to his? He is quite scared.

I know members of the New Democratic Party have no respect or regard for a Liberal, but in *Maclean's* on March 28, 1988 Milton Harris, a former chairman of the Liberal National Executive Finance Committee, said:

I am going to vote for the Conservatives, and if they ask me, I will give them money.

He is putting his money where his mouth is, I will tell you, Mr. Speaker.

What about Don Johnston—I realize I should refer to the Hon. Member for St. Henri—Westmount since he is still a Member of this House. In a speech in Vancouver, B.C., on November 22, he said:

If we are unsuccessful and American protectionism grows, I believe the costs of adjustment will be much greater than would be the case if we negotiated a trade agreement. Job losses may not only be larger, they may indeed be more concentrated regionally, leaving little scoop for job creation—

Mr. Langdon: Scope!

Mr. Holtmann: That is right, there is a misspelling here. The point is that those who argue the free trade agreement will cost jobs must also look at the other side of the coin. What will

U.S. protectionism cost? I suspect the Member from Essex—Windsor is probably not worrying about what protection might do in his area, taking into consideration where he lives.

Mr. Johnston said some other interesting things as recently as January 20, 1988, as reported in *The Ottawa Citizen*:

Our position on free trade is indistinguishable from that of the NDP... why would anyone vote Liberal?

Mr. Langdon: Good question.

Mr. Holtmann: That is an unbelievable statement when they are both sitting on the same side of the fence. The Hon. Member for Saint-Henri—Westmount in another statement, as reported in *The Ottawa Citizen*, said the following:

Free trade is absolutely vital to Canada's economic health.

I could go on and on. In *The Globe and Mail* of November 3, 1986, the following was reported:

In a letter to Lloyd Axworthy, Liberal International Trade Critic, and James de Wilde, a University of Western Ontario Political Scientist, Don Johnston tears to shreds their jointly-written "framework for Liberal trade policy", the third draft of a proposed trade policy.

The paper calls for a framework for the resolution of disputes between the two countries, for some provision to compensate sectors hurt in the process and for some form of protection for new growth sectors.

Mr. Johnston was quite disturbed. It is no wonder that he had to take the big move across the floor of the House.

The debate on this issue has gone on for hundreds of days now, often in committee.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Holtmann: Members opposite sit and laugh about the debate that we have had in this House and across Canada. I think it has added up to about some 190 days.

I see that the Speaker is indicating that my time has run short. I advise some members of the Liberal Party to sit and look at what all their Liberal supporters and some of their former supporters, such as Mr. Lalonde who is not with us any more, have to say about the agreement. I do not think that they would like to see it ripped up.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being 1 p.m., I do now leave the chair until 2 p.m.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

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The House resumed at 2 p.m.