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1 provincial trade barriers across Canada between
2 provinces. And I thought it was a contradiction for an
3 Industry Department that was so concerned about that
4 issue, and rightly so, I think they're absolutely right
5 about that. There's no benefit to have these barriers
6 between provinces. I thought it was strange, indeed, that
7 that same province then was forcing the Premier and the
8 president of the Power Corporation to sign a piece of
9 paper saying that we are going to put a barrier up within
10 the province at the Canso Causeway. I just thought that
11 was a very contradictory stand for a department to take
12 and that, on the record, has worked very hard to
13 eliminate trade barriers across -- across the country.
14 It seemed like a backward step to me. That was -- my
15 comment was about.

16 Q. Let me come to another aspect of this whole
17 discussion that you and I are having about how the
18 Province was involved in this. And it relates a bit to
19 what we talked about yesterday at the end of your
20 evidence where you talked about the impact of politics on
21 deals, et cetera. And I asked you, I think yesterday,
22 you know, what can we learn from this? How can we make
23 some transactions work the way they're supposed to with
24 appropriate political support? And how can we avoid
25 other transactions being detrimentally affected,