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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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FREE TRADE TRANSITION COMMISSION ACT

MR. MITCHELL

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to , 1988)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Definitions

1 In this Act,

- (a) "Commission" means the Free Trade Transition Commission established pursuant to section 2;
- (b) "Free Trade Agreement" means the agreement negotiated in 1987 between the Governments of Canada and the United States of America;
- (d) "Minister" means the Minister of Economic Development and Trade;
- (d) "transition phase" means the 5-year period commencing on the coming into force of the Free Trade Agreement.

Commission
established

2 There is hereby established a commission to be known as the Free Trade Transition Commission consisting of 9 members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council

- (a) 1 of whom shall be a member of the Legislative Assembly and shall be the chairman of the Commission;

(b) 2 of whom shall be officers from the Department of Economic Development and Trade;

(c) 3 of whom shall be representatives of industry; and

(d) 3 of whom shall be representatives of labour.

Function of
Commission

3 The Commission shall

(a) study the anticipated effects of free trade on industry in Alberta;

(b) study the anticipated impact of free trade on Alberta labour;

(c) submit recommendations to the Minister for programs which will provide the necessary assistance during the transition phase to both industry and labour sections of the economy that may be adversely affected by the Free Trade Agreement;

(d) submit recommendations to the Minister for programs to provide retraining and employment search assistance to those who loose their jobs as a result of the Free Trade Agreement.

Report to the
Legislative
Assembly

4 Where the Minister receives a report from the Commission pursuant to section 3, he shall forthwith table the report in the Legislative Assembly if it is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting within 15 days of the commencement of the next sitting.

Powers of the
Commission

5 The Commission may appoint such staff and retain such experts and counsel as it requires for its deliberations to be paid out of money that has been appropriated to that purpose by the Legislature.

Fees and
expenses

6 The Commission members shall receive such fees and expenses as are ordered by the Lieutenant Governor in Council to be paid out of money that has been appropriated to that purpose by the Legislature.