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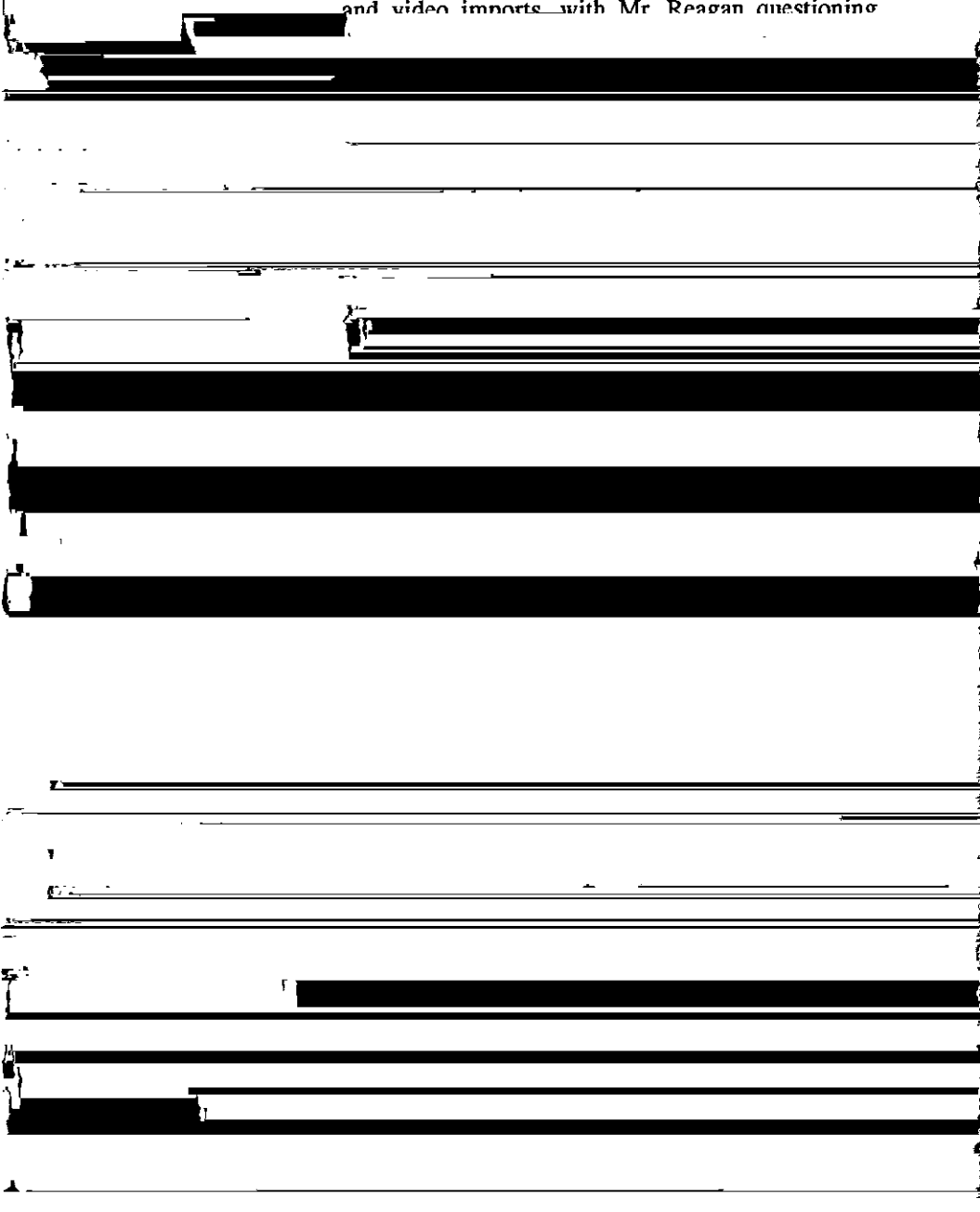


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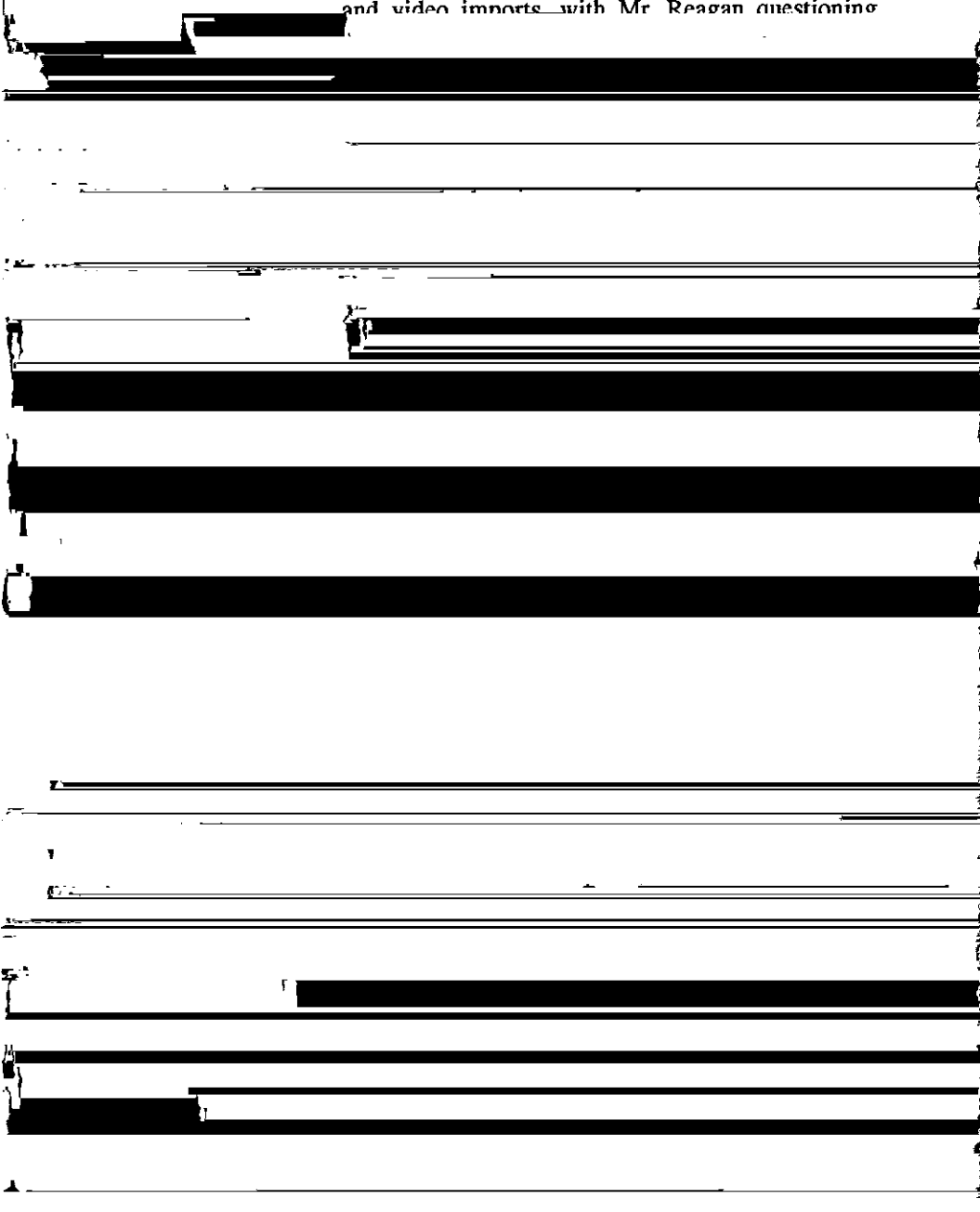
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**18 June**  
*Energy Regulation—  
Hydroelectricity*

The National Energy Board announces that it has rejected an application by Hydro-Québec to export \$13 billion in hydroelectricity to the New England states. The bid is rejected because the Quebec utility did not present enough evidence to convince the N.E.B. that all the power to be exported was surplus

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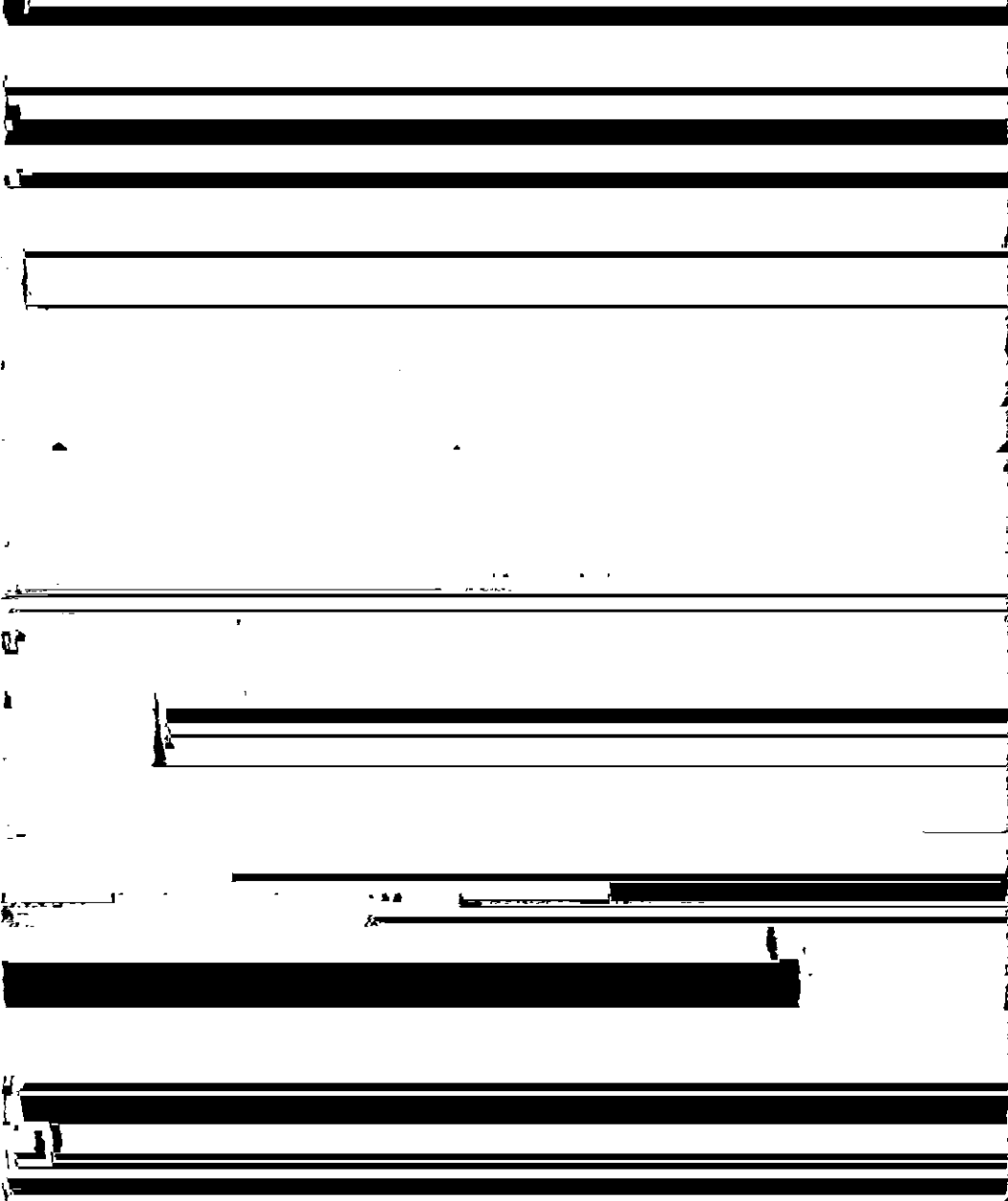
**7 July**  
*Free Trade*

The provincial premiers gather in Ottawa to be briefed on the free trade negotiations. Ontario Premier Peterson announces, following the briefing, that there was "no way" he could give his approval-in-principle to Ottawa's position at this time.

**11 July**  
*National Parks—*

Prime Minister Mulroney and British Columbia Premier William Vander Zalm sign an agreement in

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**27-28 August**

Canada's premiers gather in Saint John for the Twen-

ty-first Annual Provincial Conference

them to abandon unprofitable lines more easily. Airlines which once had to prove that they were viable operations will now only have to show that they are willing and able to service the routes. The bill also makes it easier for airlines to abandon unprofitable routes.

The *Motor Vehicle Transport Act* relaxes the rules for granting interprovincial licenses to trucking firms. Companies will no longer have to prove that a new service is necessary before starting up. The bill





**23 September**  
*Constitution—*  
*Meech Lake Accord*  
  
*Free Trade*

The Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly votes 43-3 to ratify the Meech Lake Accord. Three New Democrats oppose the bill.

Prime Minister Mulroney announces to the Commons that free trade negotiations with the United

tober. Key elements of the agreement, as announced the next day, include the following:

- the creation of a continental energy market. Canada

6 October

*Free Trade*

Prime Minister Mulroney meets with the premiers to

discuss the just concluded Free Trade Agreement

Quebec's intention to impose no limits on the ownership of financial institutions, including those groups involved in business activities.

The same day, Quebec Associate Minister for Finance and Privatization Pierre Fortier announces a major Quebec initiative to lighten regulations on the

**30 October**  
*Reform Party of*

The Reform Party of Canada holds its founding convention in Winnipeg, attended by nearly 400

16 November

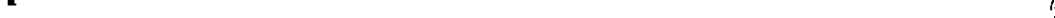
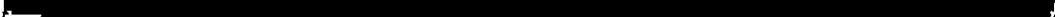
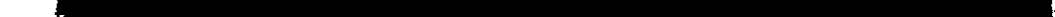
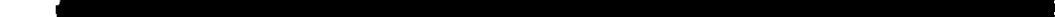
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*Environment—  
Canada-U.S.*

Federal Environment Minister Tom McMillan and Mr. Lee Thomas, his American counterpart, sign a Great Lakes Cleanup Agreement updating a similar





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Ontario Treasurer Robert Nixon, concerned that his province might lose business to the new international banking centres, announces that the province will reluctantly offer tax breaks or other financial incentives to banks if it becomes apparent that the federal

will be able to legislate to limit Toronto's

*Methodology*

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Free Trade Agreement. The three back away from earlier threats of a court challenge to the deal, stating instead that only the Canadian people, voting in a national election, can stop the free trade deal from taking effect.

18 December  
*Regional Develop-*

Federal Minister of Transport John Crosbie introduces into the Commons the legislation required to

## **Chronology: List of Recurring Entries**

**Aboriginal Peoples:** 21 May 1986, 17 June 1986, 26-27 March 1987.

**Acid Rain:** 8 January 1986, 18-19 March 1986, 9 March 1987, 5-6 April 1987,  
10 April 1987, 10 October 1987.

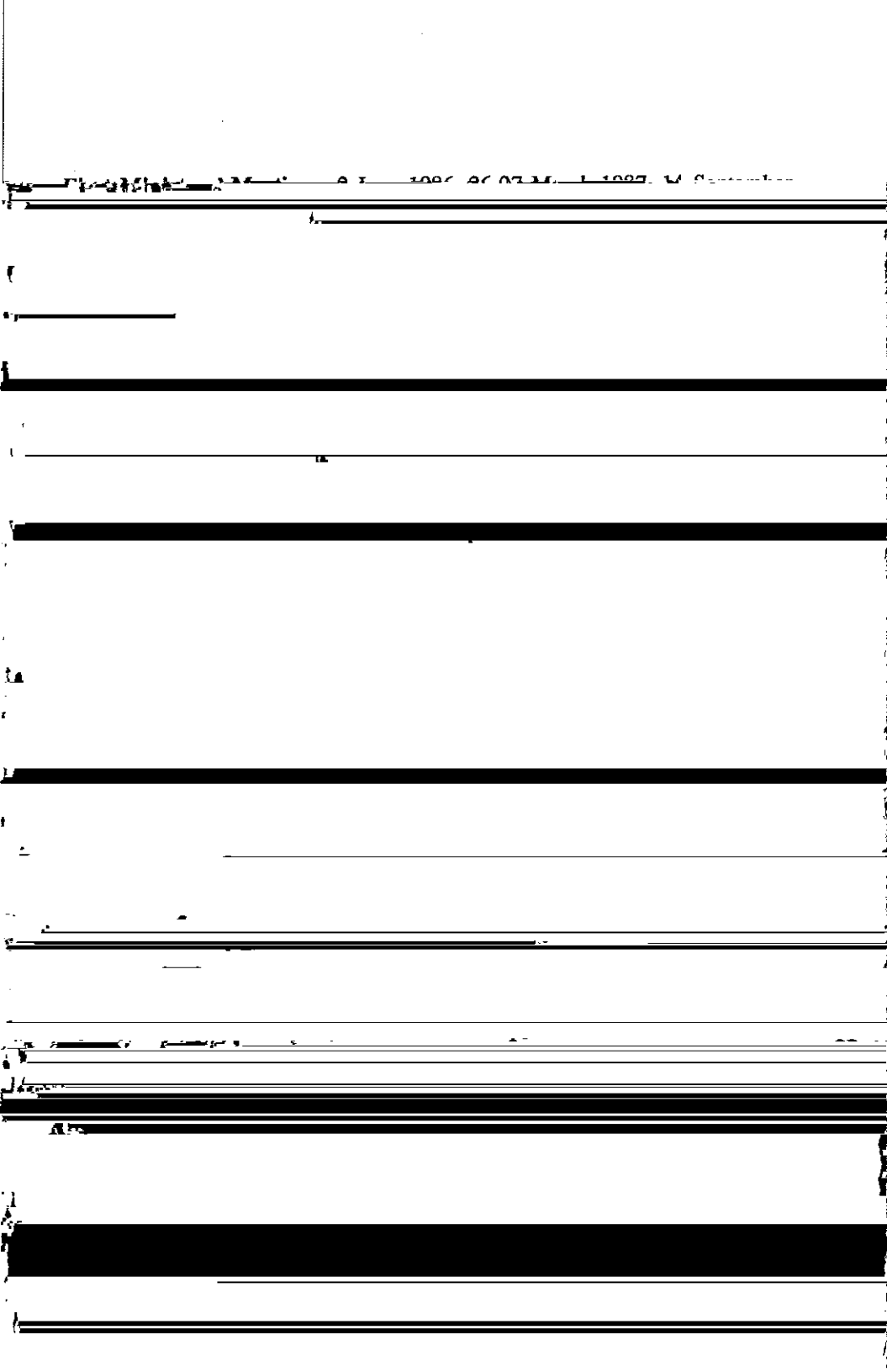
**Agriculture:** 29 May 1986, 9 December 1986, 15 December 1987.

**Alberta:** 8 May 1986, 20 August 1986, 1 October 1986.

**Budgets (federal):** 26 February 1986, 18 February 1987.

**British Columbia:** 7 September 1986, 22 October 1986.

**Canada-U.S. Summit:** 18 March 1986, 5-6 April 1987.



**Tax Reform:** 18 June 1987, 16 December 1987.

**Telecommunications:** 2-3 April 1987, 22 July 1987.

**Transportation:** 24 June 1986, 10 September 1986, 2-3 December 1986, 28 August 1987.

**Western Premiers' Conference:** 29 May 1986, 26-27 May 1987.

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