Answer on the question #43171, Chemistry, Physical Chemistry

Question:

2 NOBr <----> 2NO + Br2

The equlibrium constant for the above reaction is 2x10³ and the change in H is -56 kJ at 25 degrees celsius. Which of the following changes would cause this equlibrium to shift to the left?

- a) addition of NOBr
- b) addition of Br2
- c) addition of a catalyst
- d) removal of NO

Solution:

According to the Equilibrium law:

Changing the concentration of a chemical will shift the equilibrium to the side that would reduce that change in concentration. Therefore

- 1) The addition of NOBr will cause the equilibrium to shift to the right.
- 2) The addition of Br₂ will cause the equilibrium to shift to left.
- 3) Removal of NO will cause the equilibrium to shift to right

According to the catalyst definition, the addition of a catalyst doesn't cause the shift in equilibrium.

Answer: b)