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taken will prove to be more effective in the years to come than some of the critics of these policies yet realize. The hon. member for Digby-Annapolis-Kings talked about dialogues and consensus and one thing and another. I am glad that somebody else is uncertain about this word "dialogue" that seems to be worked to death these days.

**Mr. Nowlan:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Gordon:** I thought it had something to do with marital affairs, but apparently it has not. Anyway, let us leave it alone. I suppose that whenever new policies are introduced, and certainly new policies of the kind to which reference was made, there will always be differences of opinion, and strong differences of opinion. This has certainly been true in this particular case. Many people who were opposed to these policies have called me up lately and suggested they have come around to a different way of thinking. I am not suggesting this is by any means unanimous as yet, although I am hopeful that it may be at some time in the near future.

**Mr. Nowlan:** I have not called you yet.

**Mr. Gordon:** No, but you may. Another point raised was about the importance of the federal government retaining a position where it can influence the economy of the country and perform its clear responsibilities in this field. With regard to this I can only say that I agree completely with the hon. member. I have said this on many occasions publicly. I think we would all be very remiss if we allowed the federal government to become weak so that this country did become balkanized and there were no government left to give leadership. I certainly do not think this has happened and I do not believe it is going to happen.

The hon. member for Digby-Annapolis-Kings asked me two questions. The first was as to what steps were being taken respecting the renegotiation of certain tax treaties. We are having exchanges with the officials of the United States treasury now to set the time for detailed discussions of this matter. While I would hope these discussions might take place even before Christmas, I will be disappointed if they are not begun within the next couple of weeks. We are in communication with the United States treasury officials on the subject.

**Mr. Nowlan:** If we are not careful we will not get out of here before Christmas.

**Mr. Gordon:** I think on that note, Mr. Chairman, perhaps I will be excused from answering the other questions.

Item agreed to.

[Mr. Gordon.]

**Mr. Douglas:** Mr. Chairman, we still have the estimates of the Secretary of State and one item of northern affairs. I doubt that we could finish by seven o'clock or 7.30. I would suggest, therefore, that we rise for half an hour and come back at 6.40.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Chairman, I very much appreciate the consideration of the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam in accepting the half hour suggestion, and I hope it will be accepted by all. We could then come back in a relaxed mood. I am sure that every member of the committee has seen so much of my face and heard so much of my voice that they will not want to hear any more from me.

**The Chairman:** Is it agreed that we will suspend the sitting until twenty minutes before seven o'clock?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

At nine minutes after six o'clock the committee took recess.

**AFTER RECESS**

The committee resumed at 6.40 p.m.

**SECRETARY OF STATE**

**The Chairman:** House in committee of supply, estimates of the Secretary of State. Before we start discussing the estimates of this department may I suggest that we should go through the department itself, then to the different agencies, boards and commissions which come under the jurisdiction of the minister, leaving till the last the C.B.C. and the B.B.G., on which I assume there will be more discussion.

**Mr. Scott:** Mr. Chairman, I thought that we adopted the position with other departments that we had a fairly free-wheeling discussion on item 1 and then proceed to the individual branches and pass them rather quickly.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Chairman, since this is not like other departments, and as these agencies have no relation whatever, apart from the Atlantic development board, to the department, it would certainly be much more agreeable to me if we took the Department of the Secretary of State, the Atlantic development board and then the agencies in order. Because there is not much relation between them.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

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**Mr. Nielsen:** I will be as brief as I can, Mr. Chairman. The only method I have of