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is to sell it, and then what does she do? People say, yes, but we have to tax it because it is situated in town and we have to get our money out of it.

This has happened with remarkable results in places like Toronto, where people bought homes for \$30,000 and \$40,000 and are now sitting on real estate that is worth \$500,000 and more. For people from other parts of the country, it is difficult to believe how people can buy a home in Vancouver, never mind how they can maintain it and pay taxes, insurance, and so forth.

I do not want to belabour the subject, but I think that when we get into tax reform we will want to look at real property taxes. We will want to look at something that is only now beginning to surface and that is the whole question of water rates.

In Canada we have taken as a given, since we have been here, that we have clean, pure and good water and lots of it. In some municipalities people pay nothing for water. They have water to their door in a system where they pay nothing. In other municipalities it is costing more than \$1,000 a year for water for a residence. Is that fair? People have to have water. At one point it was so minimal that it just seemed to be fair that a system for generating revenues for a municipality was arranged where water was part of it.

I do not think that we want to be locked in with old ideas. We have to look at what Dennis Mills has to say about taxation. I think we have to look at what Neil Brooks has to say about taxation. I think we have to look at the Fraser Institute, the C.D. Howe Institute, the Economic Council of Canada, at what Pat Grady, McCormick and all the rest have to say about taxation. We do not want to be, under any circumstances, involved in trying to deal with—

Mr. Langdon: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I noticed that my colleague from Gloucester noted a couple of minutes ago that he did not want to belabour the point. I simply wanted to request that he contribute to a fair debate in the House of Commons by permitting the leader of our party to make her contribution to this debate.

Mr. Milliken: Mr. Speaker, I rise on the same point of order. I wanted to say that there has been a kind of cosy

deal here between the government and the New Democratic Party which has deprived members in this Party—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I am listening to the point of order. If the hon. member would come to the point of order, then I will resolve this grievance immediately.

Mr. Milliken: Your Honour, the difficulty seems to be that the member has asked whether or not my colleague is about to finish his speech. I was enjoying his speech very much and I think that the point I was seeking to make was that, because of the sweetheart deal that has been made between the government and the New Democratic Party, we in this Party have been deprived of our opportunity to debate this bill on numerous occasions and my friend—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I do not find that a point of order. I find this a grievance. The hon. member has unlimited time, and I am afraid I am going to have to recognize the hon. member for Gloucester.

Mr. Young (Gloucester): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Epp: Mr. Speaker, I rise on that same point of order. The only point that I would want to make to my hon. friend who just spoke on behalf of the Liberal Party is that there are no cosy deals with this government, with either the Liberal Party or the NDP on GST. It is important for us to get the GST legislation through and let the hon. member speak.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): That is not a point of order either. It is a point of debate and a grievance. The hon. member for Gloucester has the floor.

Mr. Young (Gloucester): Mr. Speaker, on the point of order raised by the hon. minister, I think we would all agree with that, that there are no cosy deals with the government. Anybody who would make a cosy deal with the government at this point would have to be a fool. This is just not the time.

In dealing with Bill C-62, I think we need to recognize the point that was made by my hon. friend with respect to participation by all members. It goes without saying that, since we began dealing with the goods and services tax, we in the Liberal Party have tried to deal with it in a very forthright and dignified way. We intend to do that