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whaling in Canada. The people were told that we must protect our non-renewable resources so he cut out whaling. The minister did not have the decency to tell the people what the scientific evidence was, what the situation was and what we should do. He did not say we must have a plan. He said when people are put out of work there must be an alternative arrangement for them so they will have employment. There are hundreds of thousands of people walking the streets today as a result of the behaviour of this government. When I think of the behaviour of this minister I am ashamed that I have not violated that little space between us.

Now I shall move on to the matter of the swordfish industry. This does not have anything to do with us in Newfoundland. The minister does not allow us to sell our swordfish. He tells us the reason is that there are certain mercury levels and contaminants, and yet swordfish are being sold in other parts of the world.

**Mr. Davis:** The Americans will not allow it to be sold in the U.S.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** Well, are swordfish being harvested by other nations? I thought they were.

**Mr. Davis:** Tell us.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** I will not tell anything. I do not know anything about fisheries. I am from the east coast. I am not involved in that. I eat T-bone steaks and filet mignon.

Then we have the lobster fishery. We do not know what we are doing in respect of that industry because we do not know when the minister will pull the plug and destroy the industry. Regulations are being made without any consultation. Last year the minister would not allow anybody in our province to take salmon who had not been involved in the industry prior to the bringing in of the regulations. There are people in my province who have never done anything except fish, and now many of them cannot obtain a licence to fish salmon. There used to be a man who would come around and ask if a person wished a salmon licence. We are not as sophisticated as the people are in Capilano and other places. This man would come around and we would get a licence from him. However, if a man did not get a licence in a particular year, he was barred for all time; the minister decided to put him out of business even though he had all the salmon nets and gear sitting in his yard. This is the type of regulation this department brings in. We can talk about national unity, but how can we respect this kind of attitude?

**The Deputy Chairman:** Order, please. I must interrupt the hon. member to tell him that the time allotted to him has expired. Is the hon. member rising on a point of order?

**Mr. Lundrigan:** Yes, Mr. Chairman. Is it not customary for an hon. member to carry on, with unanimous consent?

**The Deputy Chairman:** Of course, the hon. member may continue if there is unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**The Deputy Chairman:** The Chair is of the opinion that there is not unanimous consent. The Chair now recognizes the hon. member for Sarnia-Lambton.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** Before you do so, Mr. Chairman, may I say that I think it is a silly rule because I will probably be back on again in 20 minutes. May I ask what member in the Liberal Party denied the unanimous consent needed for me to continue? Is it possible for you to tell me, Mr. Chairman?

**The Deputy Chairman:** Order, please. The hon. member knows that the Chair is a servant of the House and must abide by the rules of the House, which provide for a limit of 20 minutes on the speeches of hon. members in committee of the whole. I must call upon the hon. member for Sarnia-Lambton.

**Mr. Nielsen:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Chairman. Since we all want to get on with the consideration of these estimates and have the discussion completed as quickly as we can, I believe there should be some co-operation. The rules provide that an hon. member may speak as many times as he chooses—

**The Deputy Chairman:** Order, please. The hon. member for Yukon knows the rules. There is no provision in the rules to extend an hon. member's time unless there is unanimous consent. I must abide by the rules and recognize the hon. member for Sarnia-Lambton, who also has a right to speak in this House.

**Mr. Drury:** Mr. Chairman, I think there is agreement on this side for the hon. member to continue.

**Mr. Nielsen:** I was simply about to suggest to the committee that it give unanimous consent in order that we may get on with our business and not take any more time than is necessary.

**The Deputy Chairman:** I could again ask whether there is unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** Mr. Chairman, I did not realize I was allowed only 20 minutes. I had assumed I would be allowed 30 minutes. I thank hon. members for the privilege they have given me of continuing. There are two or three points I should like to talk about. I could speak for five or six hours because I think the question of fisheries is that important.

A couple of days ago I received a letter from the Department of Public Works. I had written the department on behalf of a small fishing community asking for some facilities. I was told in the letter from the department that they did have some opinions, but could not do anything about it because they had not received an expression of opinion from the Department of the Environment; therefore could not make a decision. Two years ago it was my understanding that the Minister of the Environment assumed responsibility for matters of facilities which came under fisheries. My understanding was that they were going to take unto themselves what is now the role of the Department of Public Works in constructing these