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CBC: In the House of Commons today, opposition MPs ridiculed the government's decision to review Canada's foreign policy and they are still refusing to go along with it. The NDP and the liberal won't take part in the parliamentary committee hearing, not until the Tories promise to hold off making any deals with the United States on Star Wars and on Trade. David Halton reports.

DH: When the opposition leaders went into the Commons this afternoon, they had already decided to threaten a boycott of the plan parliamentary committee on Canada's foreign policy.

?: Why bother having a special committee, spending a year discussing the matters upon which the government has already made a decision. Why bother.

CBC: Jean Chrétien pushed the same argument that the government would have made up its mind on two key decisions whether to join Star Wars and what kind of trade deal to seek with the U.S. long before the committee report next year.

JC: When they tell us that we will have a committee and at the same time they intend to make the decisions on a daily basis and making a farce of the participation of the Canadian public.

CBC: Chrétien and other opposition MPs got a scathing refusal from Deputy Minister, Erik Nielson, when they demanded that the government postpone decision on Star Wars and U.S. trade until the committee reports.

EN: The world doesn't stand still while the parliamentary process continues, government has to govern.

CBC: Later liberal leader, John Turner, said the liberals are in dead earnest about boycotting the committee.