

These have not been reported to the House. We have no sense of which direction we as a country are taking on these discussions. Then there are threats to the Wheat Board. Again we have no suggestions from the Government in its response.

Since you have reached the 20 minute mark and the suggestion was that I ask for leave to complete my remarks which would go for another 10 or 15 minutes at this stage, I would now like to ask for unanimous consent to make that completion.

**Mr. McDermid:** Madam Speaker, if I ask the Hon. Member a question he would have another 10 minutes. Can I ask him to carry on with what he was going to explain to us about the future?

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** Questions or comments. The Hon. Member for Essex-Windsor.

**Mr. Langdon:** I am sorry the Minister has not been prepared to see that his side give unanimous consent.

**Mr. Barrett:** On a point of order, Madam Speaker. Am I clear in interpreting that the Hon. Member was given the 20 minutes that he requested by asking leave of the House.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** Once the 20 minute period expired, the Hon. Member could benefit from a 10 minute question and comment period. One question was put and the time was given to the Hon. Member for Essex-Windsor, which I have given him. We are now in question and comment period. The Hon. Member for Essex-Windsor has the floor.

**Mr. Barrett:** Madam Speaker, on a point of order—

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** On a point of order, the Hon. Member for Esquimalt—Juan de Fuca.

**Mr. Barrett:** The request by the Hon. Member was leave of the House to continue for 20 minutes. That question was not put to the House before the Minister spoke. That is the request of the Member. I suggest that be put to the House first.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** If the Hon. Member had, as I did, listened to the comment made by the Minister, it was obvious that we did not have unanimous consent of the House for the Hon. Member to continue his speech for another 20 minutes. I think this has been ruled upon. We are now into the 10 minute

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question and comment period. The Hon. Member for Essex-Windsor has the floor.

**Mr. Barrett:** It was not put.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** The question was put.

**Mr. Barrett:** It was not put.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** Order, please.

**Mr. Barrett:** The Minister stood up and made a decision before—

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**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** I am sure the Hon. Member will understand that once the Hon. Member was recognized on a point of order, it gave leave for the Hon. Member to use a 10 minute period for questions and comments to continue and finish his speech. There was no doubt in my mind that there was not unanimous consent of the House for the Hon. Member to get an extra 20 minutes, which is why I ruled the way I did.

Time is moving along. I am sure no one would like the Hon. Member for Essex—Windsor to lose this very useful time. The Hon. Member for Essex—Windsor.

**Mr. Barrett:** That is a threat from the Chair.

**Mr. Merrithew:** Sit down. The Speaker is up.

**Mr. Barrett:** Do you not hear points of order? You did it on a supposition. You did not ask the House.

**Mr. McDermid:** You are in the big leagues now.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** The Chair has attempted to explain to the Hon. Member for Esquimalt—Juan de Fuca that it was obvious from the Hon. Minister's comment that there was not unanimous consent.

**Mr. Barrett:** You did not put the question.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** The Hon. Member for Essex—Windsor.

**Mr. Langdon:** I would simply echo the points made by my colleague. The usual procedure is to ask if there is unanimous consent.

**Mr. Barrett:** Correct.