

They have put themselves in the corner and they are now sort of blaming Clark for it, which was - to my mind it was all generated by the Throne Speech. So they are saying... (inaudible)...hearings will be done in private, with Joe - one, he can't get first agreement on the committee and two, when he does it is going to give mostly the opponents of the government's proposals an opportunity for a public forum.

CBC :                   Okay, a decision on star wars could take three or four months. It just leaves me wondering whatever happened to that 60 day deadline.

DUFFY :                   Well that was unrealistic. Reagan's people backed off right away.

SALLOTTE :               ...it was, all of the western European countries said look, we can't decide something like this. And as a matter of fact I think now that we are hearing from countries like France which have said they aren't interested at all and the British Foreign Minister raising serious questions about it - I would not preclude the possibility that in the final analysis Canada would back out on this thing.

DUFFY :                   You have to remember in this town it takes months to decide the smallest kinds of issues. And so the opposition is having a bit of a political field day going after Clark on this. The fact is these decisions take a long time while the public hearings are under way - there is absolutely no