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which the business of the house is going to be managed, that all the members from the province of Newfoundland happen to sit on the government side of the house where they are subject to that kind of throttling. I suggest that we should hear their views about the fisheries problems of the Atlantic coast.

We should hear from members from the maritime provinces and the province of Quebec on the question of fisheries. This strange silence today on the part of representatives of provinces such as Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, where all the members do not sit on the government side of the house, is passing strange. I hope that before these estimates are passed—

**Mr. Crouse:** Mr. Chairman, I rise on a question of privilege. The hon. member who is now speaking has referred to the maritime provinces and the fact that members from those provinces have not participated in the study of the fisheries estimates. I point out to him that those of us who represent the province of Nova Scotia, and in fact members from all the maritime provinces, are just as aware of the problems facing the fishing industry as he is, but we are also desirous of assisting the government in the present situation.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Crouse:** It is for this reason, and this reason alone, that we have refrained from participating in this debate. I appreciate the hon. member's position and the fact that he wants to get his points on the record. We are refraining from participation in order to allow the hon. member and his party to make the points they wish to make. We hope to make these points at a later date. But I do hope the hon. member will confine himself to the area and the party that he represents, and will make the points he wishes to make, so that the committee can get on with the business of the house and pass these estimates fairly quickly.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear.

**The Chairman:** Order. I must advise the hon. member for Comox-Alberni that his time has expired. The Chair is also in some doubt—

**Mr. Barnett:** On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, could I—

**The Chairman:** One moment, please. The Chair is also in doubt as to the method to be used at this time to regularize our proceedings.

[Mr. Barnett.]

**Mr. McIlraith:** Mr. Chairman, I wonder whether it would be agreeable if we just do not see the clock. I think in the circumstances that would probably be the fairest procedure. I should like to add that if the hon. member wishes to continue, I am sure the committee is agreeable to allowing him to complete his remarks.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**The Chairman:** Order. Does the committee agree that we proceed without seeing the clock?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**The Chairman:** Does the committee also give unanimous consent to the hon. member for Comox-Alberni continuing his remarks?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Douglas:** The hon. member does not need it, Mr. Chairman. He has been interrupted by two different speakers and has a perfect right to speak.

**Mr. Starr:** On a point of order, Mr. Chairman, I think the hon. member for Burnaby-Coquitlam has not the proper perspective of the way in which we proceed. After all, they were questions of privilege that were raised, not interruptions of the hon. member's remarks.

**Mr. Douglas:** Mr. Chairman, if you can see any question of privilege in the last interruption I am sure you have greater sagacity than anybody else.

**Mr. Starr:** It was much more a question of privilege than your interruption.

**Mr. Barnett:** Mr. Chairman, may I assure you that I was on the point of concluding my remarks, in any event, before I was interrupted by the hon. member for Queens-Lunenburg. I certainly recognize his right of decision about whether he participates in the debate. That is entirely a matter for his own judgment. However, I do not agree with the hon. member's contention that I should confine my remarks merely to the interests of my constituents. I am trying to put this matter in national perspective.

**Mr. Monteith:** Oh, sit down.

**Mr. Barnett:** If the hon. member for Queens-Lunenburg or any other member of this house does not wish to participate in this discussion, it is entirely their right to so decide. In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I do hope it was not implied in the remarks made by the hon. member for Queens-Lunenburg