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A threatened boycott by the two federal CBC: Opposition parties may be crumbling. Both the Liberals and the New Democrats were refusing to take part in a special committee review of Canada's foreign policy. They didn't like the fact that some controversial foreign policy decisions would have already been made by the government before the committee could make its report. But after a round of negotiations across the Commons floor today, it looks as though the Opposition is wavering. Ken McCreigh has this report.

The government released its Green Paper on foreign policy earlier this week. It's been condemned by the Opposition. The paper suggests a special Parliamentary committee hold hearings on foreign policy and report back in a year. The Opposition was upset because the committee wouldn't make recommendations until after the government made decisions on things like the American Star Wars proposal or on free trade. The Opposition was after External Affairs Minister, Joe Clark, again today. Then, NDP House Leader, Ian Deans, came up with an offer.

Will the Secretary of State, take out of his report, the question of Star Wars, refer it now to an all-party committee with a reporting date on the date on which Parliament returns in September. If he will do that, we will participate.

It was an offer Mr. Clark couldn't refuse. KM: