

Our position, as I said, has been developed with the industry and it will continue to be exactly the same as it is until or unless the industry asks to change. If he is saying that we should not go to Geneva and that we should not when we go to Geneva take producers with us because we are not going to get our way all the time, that is not the way you conduct negotiations and that is not the way we have been successful on behalf of Canadian farmers in the past.

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary question. One of your partners, the president of the Quebec farmers' union, recommended that you reject outright the Dunkel report, as France and Ireland did. Can the minister tell me why he considers the Dunkel report to be a basis for discussion, when it means the end of Quebec agriculture?

[English]

Hon. Charles Mayer (Minister of Western Economic Diversification and Minister of State (Grains and Oilseeds)): Mr. Speaker, again the member is dead wrong. I read both papers that Mr. Dunkel put out, one I think about November 8 and one last week which was some 30 pages. If you read it carefully, there is no prejudicing of anybody's negotiating position in that paper.

It clearly lays out the parameters under which discussions can take place, but there are also exemptions in there. There are provisions for snap-back. There are all kinds of things to protect marketing boards.

Again, I think it is fair to say that is what the country would expect of us; to make our position just as strongly and as clearly as we can to the appropriate people. That is what we are going and will continue to do.

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[Translation]

PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE ALLIANCE

Mr. Guy Ricard (Laval-Ouest): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister responsible for the Status of Women. The President of the Public Service Alliance made a statement that shocked many people and which the National Citizens Coalition considered to be violent against women. I would like to know whether the

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minister intends to ask for his resignation and if not, what does she intend to do to correct Mr. Bean?

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The question, while very interesting and perhaps important, does not involve the administration of the government.

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PRESENCE IN THE GALLERY

Mr. Speaker: I wish to draw members' attention to the presence in the gallery of His Excellency Andrei Kozyrev, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Dingwall: Mr. Speaker, on a business question to the government House leader, I would like to—

Mr. Speaker: Excuse me for a moment. The hon. member for Cape Breton—East Richmond is seeking the floor for the usual Thursday question. The hon. member for Kamloops I think may have been indicating a part of that on a point of order. I will hear the hon. member for Kamloops.

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Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a short point of order.

During the statement period today, my hon. friend from Portage—Interlake made some statements regarding the president of PSAC, indicating some points that were factually incorrect.

I want to remind the member of Beauséjour's sixth edition, citation 493 which states:

(4) The Speaker has cautioned Members to exercise great care in making statements about persons who are outside the House and unable to reply.

There are a number of other areas that mean about the same thing.

Many of the statements of my hon. friend were factually incorrect, such as: "Mr. Bean is an officer of the New Democratic Party". This is not the case, so would he be the gentleman that he is and withdraw his comments?