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represent an understanding between the two countries on the way in which the U.S. Government action plan would be implemented. In that sense, the statement added to their action plan.

For example, I am not even sure whether there will be mention, in the document to be released, the 50 per cent reduction we expect to achieve by 1995. That is an understanding woven into the text of our distillation agreement this week. This will be a companion document to their action plan and will be seen together as constituting the one action plan the U.S. Government will be taking hand-in-glove with us, Ontario and the State of New York, in the context of the Niagara River toxic chemicals committee report. That is your first answer.

Why do I not release the October 17 document so you can judge how much of a change there has been? It is not my document. Why have we not released the new document? Because it has just been changed in a major way this week as I left Washington. Instead, we released a distillation of what was agreed upon. The new document is being printed and will be released by the Americans in due course, on a schedule they will have to devise.

In response to the second or, if you want to look at it in a different way, the third question about Mr. Bradley, it is not my style to engage in public altercations with my colleagues among the environmental Ministers. I have been working with Mr. Bradley day in and day out on many questions, acid rain being one. I think I have had a good personal rapport with Mr. Bradley. I like him, respect him and I think that is mutual. However, I must say that I viewed with a great sense of frustration his antics and those of his Department in connection with our negotiations with the Americans. I was getting feedback from the Americans with whom I was trying to get a deal for all of Canada that they did not trust him.

Mr. Deans: Whoops!

Mr. McMillan: That they did not—

Mr. Deans: That is not a good thing.

Mr. McMillan: Let me put it this way. I will say this to the House Leader of the NDP—

Mr. Deans: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. The question and answer have taken an inordinately long part of the 10-minute—

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): Oh?

Mr. Deans: No, hang on a second. All I was going to say was that in the process of making—

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): It is an attempt to cut off an answer you do not like.

Mr. Deans: No, I am quite happy to hear the answer. I am concerned about the long-term implications of an answer

which leaves the impression that the U.S. administration does not place any trust in a Minister of the Crown in Ontario.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Order.

Mr. Deans: I am just concerned about that. I think it results from long, involved answers.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Order. The Hon. Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan).

Mr. McMillan: I would like to conclude my answer by saying there was a strong feeling among those with whom I was negotiating that there was a breakdown in good faith between the Ontario Government and the Government of the U.S.—

Mr. Deans: That is a better way of putting it.

Mr. McMillan: —on an important bilateral agreement. I had to distance myself from the person viewed as responsible, if I was to get a deal with the Americans that was a credit to Canadians and that was going to protect their health and their natural environment. I was not interested in being party to or identified with an exercise that was viewed by those on the other side of the table as a sham. Certain Canadians were going down to Washington, looking the Americans right in the eye, saying everything is fine, smiling benignly and sweetly, and then returning to Toronto and saying something completely different to *The Toronto Star*, which the Americans, after all, read. That is not good faith. I am not a champion of the American ethos or the American cause; they can do that themselves. I am a champion of the Canadian cause, and I distance myself from anything that is detrimental to it, and that is exactly what I did in that instance.

● (1450)

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Very short question.

Mr. Deans: I want to preface my very short question by saying that I do resent the fact that the question and answer took eight and a half of the ten minutes allotted. I think it is the responsibility of the Chair to make sure there are brief questions and answers. That is what this was intended to be.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): I do not think it appropriate for a Member to make such a remark, and the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) knows that. There is a different situation in every question and comment period. There are recourses for Members if they want to extend that question and comment period; they can make a request to the House, and the Member from Hamilton Mountain is aware of that. I would ask him to put his question, because time is limited.

Mr. Deans: I hope you exercise the same judgment in other cases.

Let me say to the Minister that I find his comments about the Minister of the Environment in Ontario offensive; not