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1 time, supposedly the agency that might be assisting in  
2 the process of an application for the new coal mine.  
3 What can you say as to what that -- problems that may  
4 have caused?

5 A. I think what you're describing is the nature of  
6 government. I mean, it is continuously coming down on  
7 all sides of the issues that you might -- you might want  
8 to undertake. My favourite personal anecdote is of a  
9 provincial Roads Department who is laying off the staff  
10 on a lift bridge. And so as the attendant at the lift  
11 bridge is finishing his last day, he asks his supervisor,  
12 "Would you rather I left the bridge up so the boats can  
13 go through, or leave it down so the cars can go across?"  
14 I mean, that sort of conflict in the policies of  
15 government is inherent in the nature of government.

16 You want to accomplish environmental objectives, and  
17 you develop a low-sulphur mine, low-sulphur coal mine.

18 You want to protect the employment in Cape Breton,  
19 that's also another government objective.

20 The fact that there's conflict between the two is,  
21 as I say, inherent in what governments do all the time.

22 Q. All right. Let's proceed. I'll switch you now back  
23 to sequence. Page 5 under that tab is a memo from you to  
24 your Minister and it speaks for itself. These will now  
25 be in the record, and people may find it of some interest