

PREMIER COAL — ENTERPRISE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

**536. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Minister for Energy:**

I have a supplementary question. Will the minister be doing anything to prevent a \$50 000 pay cut and job losses to the Premier Coal workforce considering the very strong leverage of \$50 million?

**Dr M.D. NAHAN replied:**

If the member wants us to take the \$50 million away, we will take it away and more jobs will be lost. Does the member want us to do that?

**Mr M.P. Murray** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Collie–Preston.

**Dr M.D. NAHAN:** That is what the member is advocating.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Collie–Preston, I call you to order for the first time. Premier, I call you to order for the first time. I want this answered through the Chair very quickly; we are running out of time.

**Dr M.D. NAHAN:** I respect you, member —

**Mr M.P. Murray** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Collie–Preston, I call you to order for the second time.

**Mr M.P. Murray:** You're sooking there like a mongrel dog.

*Withdrawal of Remark*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Collie–Preston, I ask you to withdraw that.

**Mr M.P. Murray:** I withdraw.

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you. I call you to order now for the third time.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Dr M.D. NAHAN:** Member for Collie–Preston, you represent the major coalfield in this state—start doing it.

**Mr M.P. Murray** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Collie–Preston, I have called you to order three times. Minister, I want the answer through the Chair. I do not want you to talk to the member for Collie–Preston. If you shout out again, member for Collie–Preston, you are going out.

**Dr M.D. NAHAN:** You are the member for Collie–Preston —

**The SPEAKER:** I call you to order now, minister. I gave you a direction and you are now flouting my direction. Speak through the Chair—a quick answer.

**Dr M.D. NAHAN:** The member for Collie–Preston claims to represent the interests of coal miners and the coalfield. He is sitting in a party that wants to close it down and he is asking us to save it. We are. He has provided no leadership to his union members—no leadership at all. That coalfield is under stress like nothing before.

**The SPEAKER:** Sit down, please. That is the end of it.