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The United States uses a system like that. We are told that there have been too many instances of inadequate testing where the foreign buyer ended up getting a product that was not disease-free as the papers indicated. The importing countries are generally much more secure and confident of the system we have developed in this country where those tests are done by public officials.

I hope that this Minister of Agriculture and all future ministers will keep that in mind when considering the utilization of this particular section of the act which does permit the transfer of some of the costs out of the department and on to the public.

The approval of this bill is made with the understanding that this particular section should be dealt with with great care, and that in the interests of our consumers and our commercial relations with other countries we take great care in maintaining and utilizing our public inspectors who do the veterinary work now on imports and exports, and that the government continues to allow the Department of Agriculture to finance and keep control of that.

With that, Mr. Speaker, I have no more to say. We have done a fairly adequate job of hearing from most of the sectors involved in the animal industry in committee. In a very short time we managed to hear from most of the sectors. I think that this fairly modern update of the act which permits the control of diseases in animals and the monitoring of these diseases will continue for at least

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another decade. I think that after today Parliament will have set it up in a manner that will permit the department to continue to function as efficiently as it has in the past.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, bill read the third time and passed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I believe there is unanimous consent to call it five o'clock. The hon. member for Kingston and the Islands.

Mr. Milliken: I just want to say that in the remaining time if the government were disposed to call Bill C-46 concerning conflict of interest, we would be pleased to proceed with the bill.

Mr. Cardiff: Mr. Speaker, I believe it would be in order to call it five o'clock. I think you would find unanimous consent rather than starting at this time of day with new legislation.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is there unanimous consent to call it five o'clock?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It being five o'clock, pursuant to order made Thursday, May 31, 1990, and pursuant to Standing Order 24(1) this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m.

The House adjourned at 4.45 p.m.