

Farm Products Marketing Agencies Act

important Bill. It deals with matters of vital concern. We in this Party have made every effort to accommodate the Government and, I might say, the Official Opposition, in trying to get the business through the House that would enable us to deal with this legislation today. I could see as the day unfolded that we were going to be faced with this dilemma. I therefore appeal to the Government, recognizing the importance of this, albeit with an understanding that it had been made clear to us that we would not sit beyond four, to reconsider its position and allow us to complete this legislation.

Mr. Evans: Mr. Speaker, we have time right now. If we get down to business this Bill can be passed. I suggest that we do that. There is no consent to go beyond four o'clock. That was made clear and absolute at the outset today when the House order was passed.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, I know of at least one amendment. I spoke to the Minister of Agriculture and he is prepared to accept it.

Mr. Evans: Sit down and let us get with it.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Just putting that motion and having it accepted would take more than the remaining time. Let us proceed and go past four o'clock. I ask the Government to proceed past four o'clock.

The Chairman: The Hon. President of the Privy Council.

Mr. Pinard: The request made by the Hon. Member is reasonable. I support fully my Parliamentary Secretary who is blaming the Tories for their attitude in the last minutes which is jeopardizing the passage of this legislation. Despite this attitude and the risk they have taken, we will make it possible for the Bill to be passed through all stages because it is important. We will agree that the House order be amended to allow 15 more minutes and we will sit until 4:15. If at 4:15 the Bill is passed, fine. If the Bill is not passed at 4:15, the House will rise.

● (1600)

Miss Campbell: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to ask for clarification what exactly we will be giving unanimous consent for? Are we giving consent to sit until 4:15 for other Bills to be passed, or only so this particular Bill can go through all stages? I am not prepared to not see the clock beyond four o'clock if we are to consider other Bills like Bill C-57.

Mr. Pinard: We will not be sitting. If the Hon. Member wants to stay after 4:15 that is fine.

Miss Campbell: That is not the question. Is this the only Bill that will be called from now until 4:15?

[Translation]

Mr. Pinard: The Hon. Member is very swift indeed.

[English]

The Chairman: The question is the following:

Shall I rise and report progress?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Progress reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Saskatoon West.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: I think unanimous consent has now been given to not see the clock until such time as any Member deems to see it as four o'clock. I would ask therefore for unanimous consent to not see the clock until a Member decides to see it as four o'clock.

Mr. Evans: Mr. Speaker, the Government House Leader has been magnanimous in this case. He said that at 4:15 the House will rise. He said that the House order can be amended to 4:15, and we will agree to that. Now we are getting this craziness from the House Leader of the Official Opposition. The Government has indicated that we will give unanimous consent to not see the clock until 4:15 in order to deal with this Bill. That is what unanimous consent is being asked for.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Mr. Speaker, we are wasting time. If the Parliamentary Secretary or the Government House Leader want to see call, it four o'clock at 4:15 they simply have to raise their hands. I will not accuse them of wanting to go to the washroom.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. It being four o'clock p.m., pursuant to Order made earlier this day, the sitting is suspended to the call of the Chair.

SITTING SUSPENDED

At 4.04 p.m. the sitting of the House was suspended.

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AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 4.44 p.m.

[Translation]

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate has passed Bill C-58, an Act to correct certain anomalies, inconsistencies, archaisms and errors which deal with matters of a non-controversial and uncomplicated nature in the Statute of Canada.