

those transactions or events occurred before the coming into force of this Act.

(8) Where any question arises under this"

#### Clause 13

Strike out lines 4 to 16 on page 17 and substitute the following:

"(2) Any information with respect to a person or business obtained by the Minister or an officer or employee of Her Majesty in the course of the administration of this Act may,

(a) on request in writing to the Registrar by or on behalf of the person to which it relates or by or on behalf of the person or group of persons carrying on the business to which it relates, be communicated to any person or authority named in the request, or

(b) for any purpose relating to the administration of this Act, be communicated to a Minister of the Crown in right of any province or to an officer or employee of Her Majesty in right thereof

on such terms and conditions and under such circumstances as are approved by the Minister."

#### Clause 17

Strike out line 7 on page 22 and substitute the following:

"17. Subject to section 17 of the Statistics Act but notwithstanding any other Act, a"

Your Committee has ordered a reprint of Bill C-201, as amended.

A copy of the Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence relating to this Bill (*Issues Nos. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 inclusively*) is tabled.

(*The Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence accompanying the said Report recorded as Appendix No. 32 to the Journals*).

By unanimous consent, it was ordered,—That the annual and supplementary reports of the Canadian Wheat Board for the years 1968-69 and 1969-70 and the annual report for the year 1970-71 be referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

The Order being read for the consideration of the Business of Supply;

Pursuant to Standing Order 58, Mr. Gauthier, seconded by Mr. Fortin, moved,—That this House regrets the government's responsibility for the deterioration of federal-provincial relations as a result of its uncompromising attitudes and policies, its unilateral decisions and its refusal to meet legitimate needs of Canadian provinces, mainly through not making available to them the funds

required for development, economic expansion and welfare of the population.

And debate arising thereon;

By unanimous consent, after further debate, at 9.55 o'clock p.m., pursuant to section 10 of Standing Order 58, debate was interrupted.

Mr. Drury, seconded by Mr. MacEachen, moved,—That Vote 1, in the amount of \$16,324,000 of the Department of Communications for Communications—Operating Expenditures for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1973 (less the amount voted in Interim Supply) be concurred in.

And a point of order having been raised by the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles).

#### RULING BY MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: The Chair has to rule on the point of order raised by the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) in respect of which the honourable Member for Greenwood (Mr. Brewin) and the honourable Member for York South (Mr. Lewis) have submitted argument. I might deal firstly with the argument of the honourable Member for York South who has just resumed his seat. I think honourable Members will acknowledge that the Chair has a responsibility for carrying out the Standing Orders, the precedents and decisions binding upon the Chair. The honourable Member for York South has argued very well, but with respect I think he has not argued about the responsibilities of the Chair. He has really been arguing that if the Chair rules against him he will have to take certain other action. Of course, under the Standing Orders, that is his right.

I do not have any comment as to whether the Standing Orders and practices are fair and just. My comment is that the Chair must be guided by the Standing Orders, precedents and practices of the House. That is the basis on which I have to make my decision.

The honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre, who raised the point of order, has argued that with reference to Item No. 1 the notice of opposition in the name of the honourable Member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Barnett) should take precedence over the motion in the name of the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Drury). It seems to the Chair that in his argument the honourable Member for Winnipeg North Centre spelled out the distinctions on which I must base my ruling. He referred to Standing Order 58(4)(a), among others, and I will read that part referred to by the honourable Member: "Twenty-four hours' written notice shall be given of an opposition motion on an allotted day".

I want to emphasize this because it then says: "—or of a notice to oppose any item in the estimates."