

Mr. McIsaac: Mr. Speaker, I was at the conclusion of my remarks. I was watching the clock, and I appreciate the fact that my time has expired. I will be interested to hear my hon. friend, the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom), and others. I hope they will put forward some concrete and specific suggestions.

Mr. Benjamin: We did. They are in the motion.

Mr. McIsaac: There were a couple of suggestions, impractical as they may be, from the hon. member for Regina-Lake Centre. We heard a few more today from the Tories, and they were a little more specific than usual. We did not hear just the usual doom and gloom which we have become used to hearing from them; they were a little more specific. They did not bring forward their leader's suggestion of a year or two ago to abolish the Wheat Board or to supplement it with some other export agency.

An hon. Member: Oh, come on!

Mr. McIsaac: The Tories were a little more specific today. I hope later hon. members opposite will get into the debate and spell out specific solutions to some of our problems.

Mr. Mazankowski: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I am sorry to interrupt the proceedings at this time, but I would like to ask the hon. member for Battleford-Kindersley (Mr. McIsaac) if he would be prepared to quote the reference in which the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) allegedly said he would abolish the Canadian Wheat Board.

Mr. McIsaac: Mr. Speaker, I do not have the reference here with me, but I will be glad to check into that. It was a speech made in Manitoba. I may have erred in saying "abolish the Wheat Board", but the suggestion was that the Wheat Board be restricted or that additional agencies be added to take away power from the Wheat Board.

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, I rise on the same point of order. I think it might be helpful to hon. members if I make it clear that what the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) did say was just what the minister of agriculture of Alberta said the other day. He was in favour of letting many other people into the export selling business instead of letting that be the exclusive preserve of the Wheat Board. The hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski) is quite right that this is not quite the same as saying that you would abolish the Wheat Board, but it is really just a way of undermining and destroying the Wheat Board.

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Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): Order, please.

Mr. Andre: A question of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

An hon. Member: A point of order.

Movement of Grain

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): I recognize the hon. member for Calgary Centre (Mr. Andre) on a point of privilege.

PRIVILEGE

MR. ANDRE—INACCURATE REPLY BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Harvie Andre (Calgary Centre): Mr. Speaker, I give notice of a question of privilege similar to that raised earlier by my colleagues, the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Baker) and the hon. member for York-Simcoe (Mr. Stevens), with regard to an answer given to me this afternoon by the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. MacEachen) which I believe to be inaccurate. I have just had a chance to peruse the blues and I should like to point out the inaccuracy of his reply that the purchase of Pacific Petroleum by Petro-Canada will not in any way draw on government resources. I would like an opportunity to gather evidence to pursue this later.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Turner): This will be brought to the attention of Mr. Speaker tomorrow.

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BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S.O. 58(11)—ALLEGED SHORTCOMINGS IN MOVEMENT OF GRAIN FOR EXPORT

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Benjamin:

That this House condemns the government for its failure:

- (a) to require the railroads to add 4,000 hopper cars and 5,000 repaired boxcars to their grain fleet; and
- (b) to give the Canadian Wheat Board total authority to co-ordinate all aspects of grain movement and any other authority necessary to protect and expand grain exports.

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Just so I can mediate the dispute between the hon. member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski) and the hon. member for Battleford-Kindersley (Mr. McIsaac), let me say that by chance I happen to have the quotation of the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark).

An hon. Member: Let us hear it.

Mr. Nystrom: The Leader of the Opposition is a real hazard to grain farmers in the west. I am quoting from the *Valley Leader* issue of August, 1977. In the riding of the hon. member for Lisgar (Mr. Murta), the Leader of the Opposition is quoted as having said:

—marketing boards to be set up only if industries request them.

—expansion of the Wheat Board's selling efforts, but permission given to private organizations to sell grain in competition with the Wheat Board.

Some hon. Members: Shame.

An hon. Member: Do you want to emasculate the Wheat Board?