

research station be filled so that it can continue as a very valuable station on behalf of the ranching industry of British Columbia.

Another question that is very urgent for the feed grain users of British Columbia is that of feed freight assistance. I know this question is now under reconsideration by the government. However, in the remaining few minutes that I have I want to emphasize that it is a very serious question for the feed grain users of British Columbia.

There are some great inequities. These have been pointed out by the agricultural community of British Columbia as far as the transportation agricultural products are concerned in the province of British Columbia. One question that always comes up is the bringing of feed grains into British Columbia.

I will give an example of why there is concern. Grain for the export market moving between Calgary and Vancouver moves at a rate of about \$4 a ton. Feed grains for domestic use move between Calgary and Vancouver at \$18 a ton. When you apply the feed freight assistance between those two points, it amounts about to \$9.50 a ton. This shows that the concerns of the feed grain users of British Columbia are serious indeed. I hope that in the minister's part of the review in this policy question he will ensure that this program remains, either in its present form or improved. Something must be done to benefit the feed grain users in British Columbia.

One consideration when the policy was announced a few years ago to remove the provincial boundaries for purchasing of feed grains was that some other program would be introduced in order that the situation would be improved in some parts of the country. One suggestion was that more grain be grown in the maritimes. There may be some free land there. I am not sure of the situation. However, that situation does not exist in British Columbia. There may be a few areas in the Okanagan where a bit more feed grain could be grown, but there is just not land available in British Columbia that could be used for growing feed grain. Therefore we are very anxious that the feed freight assistance program be carried on so that feed grain users in British Columbia can survive in a much healthier manner.

Those are all the remarks I will make at this time. I think the man will be coming to the door pretty soon.

The Deputy Chairman: The hon. member for Saint-Hyacinthe.

Mr. Wagner: Mr. Chairman, I hear a knock at the door. I just wonder whether it is the intention that we proceed.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall I rise, report progress, and request leave to consider the resolution later this day?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Progress reported.

Mr. Speaker: It would be in the interest of the membership to recognize that we have gone through this exercise in order to be prepared for the knock at the door which is due to come at any moment, and that later this day we will go through a similar exercise in order to retrieve this important committee and get it back into session.

Business of Supply

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. This would be a delightful occasion for us to have a grievance, but I do not know whether in the aftermath of the glow of today we should do that. It occurs to me this would be a great opportunity for a grievance of some kind.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Can we not just sit for a minute or two?

● (1750)

THE ROYAL ASSENT

[*Translation*]

A message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable The Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to the Senate chamber.

● (1800)

[*English*]

And being returned:

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Deputy Governor General had been pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the Royal Assent to the following bill:

Bill C-89, an Act to amend the Anti-Inflation Act—Chapter 98.

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the House would agree that we should return to committee of the whole so that the hon. member for South Shore (Mr. Crouse) can take the chair and call it six o'clock.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY S.O. 58

House again in committee of supply to consider a certain item for the year ending March 31, 1977 pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 58(9)—Mr. Crouse in the chair.

Agriculture—Vote 1.

Resolved, that a sum not exceeding \$35,451,000 be granted to Her Majesty for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1977 (less the amount voted in interim supply) as follows:

Vote 1—Administration—Program expenditures and contributions, \$35,451,000.

The Acting Chairman (Mr. Crouse): Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt vote 1?

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Six o'clock.