

reports that any existing documents relating to the establishment of a uranium refinery in Saskatchewan are commercial documents and the information is proprietary. Consequently, I respectfully ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: It is a stonewall, Mr. Speaker. I will transfer it for debate.

Mr. Speaker: Transferred for debate.

Mr. Goodale: I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the other notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

ADVANCE PAYMENTS FOR CROPS ACT

MEASURE TO FACILITATE MAKING ADVANCE PAYMENTS FOR CROPS

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-2, to facilitate the making of advance payments for crops, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

Hon. Judd Buchanan (for the Minister of Agriculture) moved motion No. 1:

That Bill C-2, an act to facilitate the making of advance payments for crops, be amended in Clause 2 by striking out lines 5 to 7 at page 2 and substituting the following therefor:

““crop” means grains, oilseeds, root crops, such other field crops as are prescribed, honey and maple syrup;”

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Goodale: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. It might be useful to draw to the attention of the House that there have been the usual discussions with regard to our proceedings on Bill C-2 this afternoon. I understand there is general agreement that any recorded votes that might be required to dispose of the report stage proceedings of Bill C-2 will be deferred.

Mr. Speaker: Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It is so ordered.

Mr. Stan Schellenberger (Wetaskiwin) moved Motion No. 2:

That Bill C-2, an act to facilitate the making of advance payments for crops, be amended in Clause 4, by adding immediately after line 33 at page 3 the following new subsection:

“(3)Where a suitable organization willing to assume the obligations of this Act does not exist, the Minister may guarantee to a bank the repayment of a loan made to a producer under the same terms and conditions as prescribed in this Act for an advance made by an organization.

Mr. Irénée Pelletier (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Motion No. 2 is contrary to the bill. It goes beyond the scope

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of the bill. We would appreciate the guidance of the Chair as to whether this motion is acceptable.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair has had some occasion to examine the motion in a cursory way, with the suggestion of some reservations about the procedural regularity of the proposed subclause. However, I think there ought to be an opportunity for the hon. member to hear the objections to the motion and to defend, if he wishes, the procedural regularity of his motion. It is obvious that any division to be taken on this motion is to be deferred. Perhaps we might now hear the argument of the parliamentary secretary in support of his contention that the motion in some way offends the procedures of the House, after which I could perhaps review the matter and see if it is possible to give a decision immediately or, if not, defer it until the time the division is to be taken.

[Translation]

Mr. Pelletier: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of Bill C-2 is to allow groups of producers to get advance payments. The government undertakes to pay interest costs and so on. The hon. member's motion says, I quote:

“(3) Where a suitable organization willing to assume the obligations of this Act does not exist, the Minister may guarantee to a bank the repayment of a loan made to a producer under the same terms and conditions as prescribed in this Act for an advance made by an organization.”

In other words, Mr. Speaker, this bill which aims essentially at helping organizations of producers would not be applicable any more; it will be applicable only to individuals. For this reason, it differs little from other bills adopted by the House to assist farmers and we believe that it changes considerably the philosophy of the bill. At least that is what the minister thinks at this time and we believe, Mr. Speaker, that this would not be the purpose of the bill which was to help organizations of producers and I think that the philosophy of the bill will be changed, and that is why we think it is not acceptable to the minister at this time.

[English]

Mr. Schellenberger: Mr. Speaker, I must disagree with the hon. member. The royal recommendation states that this is an act to facilitate the making of advance payments for crops. The bill proposes that an organization be the intermediary between the farmer and the bank. All my amendment intends to do is state that where no organization exists there is no need for an intermediary and, as a result, the farmer should be allowed to go directly to the bank. As I read the bill, that in no way takes away from the ability of an individual or group of farmers to facilitate their interest in getting an advance payment for a crop. I do not believe that this amendment is out of order.

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I understand the concerns and the sentiment which the hon. member for Wetaskiwin (Mr. Schellenberger) is endeavouring to bring before the House in the form of this amendment. I do not in any way wish to stifle his opportunity to discuss those concerns, which I am sure he holds very sincerely. However, the amendment he