

ture is somewhat unusual. The Chair simply looks the other way and allows Hon. Members to discuss this. That is all I said, not more than that and not less. I do not feel there is a point of order. I do not feel I should be hearing argument on that. There is no point of order there.

Mr. Nielsen: Madam Speaker, there are two points I would like to make, again arising out of what you have said. The first is that they are not negotiations, as I perceive what the Hon. Member for Vegreville has done. It is a submission to the Chair asking her to seek unanimous consent of the House. I will say no more about that.

I want again to disagree with the Chair, with respect, that this is an unusual procedure or time for this kind of thing to be taking place. I am prepared to speak to that point of order should we reach that stage. I would hope that the Chair would call for submissions before making any firm ruling as to the propriety of what the Hon. Member for Vegreville is going now, or any other Hon. Member, should he choose to do so.

Madam Speaker: I can assure the Hon. Member that I am not going to rule on this. I just expressed surprise. I said that I was willing to hear what Hon. Members had to say. Does the House give its unanimous consent? If there is not consent, I do not feel there is any point in adding any argument. Does the House give its unanimous consent to the proposal made by the Hon. Member for Vegreville?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Madam Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

Mr. Hargrave: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order dealing with House business. It relates to the fact that the livestock sector, and the value added industries in this piece of legislation, Bill C-155, have been very poorly served throughout this entire debate. My point of order is addressed to the Government House Leader. I would ask him if he would consider giving consent to a motion which I would like to read now being placed on the Order Paper:

That Bill C-155 be amended in Clause 58 by immediately adding after line 13 at page 34 the following therefor:

"58.(3) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, based upon the recommendations of the committee established under section 59(2) to examine the method of payment, the Governor in Council may, subject to approval by Parliament, make regulations prescribing the manner in which, and the parties to whom, payment of the government contribution, including the Crow benefit, shall be made."

I would appreciate, Madam Speaker, if you would ask for the unanimous consent of the House for the motion I have just read to be placed on the Order Paper for debate during consideration of the report stage of Bill C-155.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for the proposal made by the Hon. Member for Medicine Hat?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Business of the House

Madam Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

Mr. Gustafson: Madam Speaker, on House business I would like to ask the Government House Leader whether, in the interest of facilitating debate on Bill C-155, the Government would be prepared to consent to allow the following motion to be put to the House:

That Bill C-155 be amended by striking out the heading "Part IV" preceding Clause 59 at Page 34 and substituting the following therefor:

"PART IV SHIPPER SHARE LIMITATION"

59. In this Part,
- "freight to price ratio", in respect of any calendar year, means an amount equal to the quotient, expressed as a percentage obtained by dividing the average cost to the shipper of moving one tonne of grain in that calendar year by the weighted average price for that calendar year;
 - "shipper share limitation adjustment", in respect of any calendar year, means an amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying
 - (a) the number of percentage points by which the freight to price ratio in that calendar year exceeds 7 per cent,
- by
- (b) the product obtained by multiplying the weighted average price for that calendar year by the total number of tonnes of grain moved in that calendar year;
- "six grains" means wheat, oats, barley, rye, flaxseed and rapeseed;
- "weighted average price", in respect of any calendar year, means the weighted average determined under paragraph 60(1)(b) in respect of that calendar year.
60. (1) The Commission shall, on or before March 1st of each year, using the information that it deems appropriate, determine, in respect of the preceding calendar year,
- (a) the average price per tonne at which each of the six grains, in storage, was available for sale on each trading day at the port that handled the largest volume of that grain in the calendar year;
 - (b) the average of the average prices referred to in paragraph (a), weighted on the basis of the number of tonnes of each of the six grains moved in the calendar year;
 - (c) the average cost to the shipper of moving one tonne of grain in the calendar year; and
 - (d) the freight to price ratio.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), the average price per tonne at which each of the six grains was available for sale shall be determined on the basis of the price per tonne of the grade of each of those grains the largest volume of which was moved in the calendar year.

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and by renumbering the subsequent Parts and Clauses and amending all references accordingly.

The importance of this motion to the producer, Madam Speaker, is the 7 per cent safety net, the same as the Minister proposed, and which has not been debated in the House. The protection of the producer is the important factor which is presented in this amendment against unreasonable, should I say, freight rates which would give a safety protection to the primary producer.

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In any event, Madam Speaker, I ask that you seek the unanimous consent of the House that the motion as read be placed on the Order Paper for debate during consideration at