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the aim of this act were to improve the viability of family farms.

We are in the process of studying all phases of agriculture. In this process we are setting up a number of task forces that are supposed to deal with each of the phases of agriculture. One of the first things that we want to be sure of is that the same thing does not happen in further so-called improvements, that the direction taken by the task force is to improve the viability of the family farm, the viability of agriculture; the viability of the production part of agriculture.

It scares me that this particular paper is called "The Agricultural and the Food Industry". The food industry is not doing badly in many areas, but if there are no farmers on those task forces we are going to end up with another bureaucratic direction which will not increase the possibility of farmers staying on the farm.

Right now in Saskatchewan there are 10,000 farmers who have been served foreclosure notices. A good number of those farmers will be losing part of their land or machinery. The discussion paper which is supposed to cover all of this does not even mention how we are going to keep those farmers on the farm, how we are going to deal with the \$23 billion of debt which they carry.

As I started out saying, Saskatchewan, with 110 per cent reduction in income this year, is not in a position to pay more money for crop insurance. Consequently, although we agree with the direction of the bill and will support this in principle, we feel that we must very strongly discuss the shortcomings of it when we take it to committee.

• (1710)

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** Is the House ready for the question?

**Some hon. Members:** Question.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** The House has heard the terms of the motion. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** No.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

**Some hon. Members:** Yea.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some hon. Members:** Nay.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** In my opinion the nays have it.

*And more than five members having risen:*

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** Call in the members.

*And the division bells having rung:*

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** Pursuant to Standing Order 45(5)(a), I have been requested by the chief government Whip to defer the division until a later time.

Accordingly the division on the question now before the House stands deferred until tomorrow at 5 p.m., at which time the bells to call in the members will be sounded for not more than 15 minutes.

**Mr. Hawkes:** Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Given our experience today, I think it might be a good idea for the console to be manned when the bells are ringing because the House does on occasion defer votes and so on. It would be helpful if it were to be manned at all times, even when bells are ringing.

There have been some consultations, Madam Speaker, and I think you would find unanimous consent for the House to suspend briefly to allow consultations to take place between now and the normal hour of adjournment. I suspect that that suspension may be for only five minutes and then we might be ready to proceed with the next order.

**Mr. Boudria:** Madam Speaker, there have been such discussions. I just want to point out that it is our understanding that this brief adjournment would not extend beyond the normal hour of termination of our sitting; in other words, this is not open ended.

If at six o'clock there has not been a conclusion to these negotiations, then of course the House would adjourn at six o'clock. With that proviso we are prepared to give that consent.

**Mr. Hawkes:** That is my understanding as well.