

Business of the House

The commodity base loan program was brought in as well in 1986. In December, 1987, a total of \$360 million was conveyed to the Farm Debt Review Board, again to assist this very serious problem.

In July, 1988, \$400 million was plugged into the Farm Credit Corporation. We have a tremendous record and we will continue to do more in this regard.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Althouse: Mr. Speaker, given that the Farm Credit Corporation is behaving more and more like the banks with more foreclosures thus creating more downward pressure on land prices which creates more foreclosures again because the debt to equity ratio goes down, can the minister explain why he supports the continuation of this kind of policy when it simply is not working?

Mr. Mazankowski: Mr. Speaker, I will take that as a representation because it is obvious the NDP does not want the Farm Credit Corporation to be an instrument of farm policy. I will certainly take that into consideration.

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Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions among the parties relating to government business for the remainder of this week. I think you will find that there is unanimous consent for the following arrangements. I move the following motion:

That, on Wednesday, November 8, 1989, the House, as its first order of business under Government Orders will resume second reading consideration of Bill C-43, an act respecting abortion; that at 6:00 o'clock p.m., this debate will be adjourned to another sitting day so that the House can then move to resume and complete third reading consideration of Bill C-20, An Act to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Excise Act; that any recorded divisions demanded to dispose of the third reading stage of Bill C-20 will be deferred automatically to 12:00 o'clock noon on Thursday, November 9, 1989 and that the hours of sitting for that day shall be extended by the amount of time taken for any such deferred division;

That, on Thursday, November 9, 1989, the hours of sitting and business of the House shall be as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to a Friday sitting day;

That Thursday, November 9, 1989, be designed an allotted day; and

That, when the House adjourns on Thursday, November 9, 1989, it shall stand adjourned until 11.00 o'clock a.m., Monday, November 20, 1989.

Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. government House leader have the unanimous consent of the House to move the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Gauthier: Mr. Speaker, I indeed can confirm that there have been negotiations and that we have agreed to the motion, but you can take the opposition's word that I do not think we have to put into the motion that Thursday, November 9, be designated an allotted day for a motion which shall not come to a vote. We would like to see that withdrawn from this motion. That it not come to a vote, Mr. Speaker, you can have my word and the word of this caucus, if it is our day, we will decide that.

Mr. Gray (Windsor West): Mr. Speaker, I want to add another point to the very important point made by my colleague, the Chief Whip. It should be understood that the time taken for any division on Thursday noon must be added to the Opposition Day time. In other words, the time for the division should not reduce the time otherwise available for an Opposition Day.

Mr. Lewis: Mr. Speaker, this motion was agreed to by all three parties. Unfortunately, and this will not happen again, it is not initialled by all three parties. I agree to both the suggestions of my colleagues opposite.

Mr. Speaker: By unanimous consent, Mr. Lewis moves:

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