

Mr. McCain: I grant you, Mr. Speaker, there is an element of food shortage on a worldwide basis; there is no question of that. But it has been precipitated by Canada's participation in an idiotic food policy and perhaps that of other countries in the western hemisphere. But the government of this or any other country is supposed to be capable of analysing internal problems and predicting the outcome of its policies.

A casual glance at the graphs of this country indicate that there was a meeting of the ways wherein the food supply would not meet consumer requirements. This has been shaping itself for the biggest part of the last ten years under Liberal management of the economy in the food world. It came to the point where we had a Food Prices Review Board. These two parties, which undoubtedly will again vote together tonight, began to embark upon a witch-hunt to find out whose fault it was. Was the food shortage the fault of the producers, the processors, the wholesalers or the retailers?

Statistics were placed before the food prices committee which showed that agriculture was a poor economic opportunity, that processing was less than average in its profit picture in Canada, and that wholesaling and retailing had the small end of the profit margin in regard to dollars turned over and capital invested. So you might say that from the sod to the cellophane, agriculture was a very poor place in which to invest money. In a vain effort to lay the blame anywhere but on itself, the committee embarked upon a witch-hunt led by the Liberals and the NDP. I submit that in the agricultural policy that this government has followed, the witches are on the opposite side. They ran a collision course with reality, and as a result the consumer has paid in an undue and unnecessary fashion.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Matte: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): The hon. member for Champlain on a point of order.

Mr. Matte: Mr. Speaker, without reflecting on your sense of justice and fairness, and in all deference to the Chair, I wish to point out that it had been mentioned to Your Honour at the beginning of the afternoon that three or four members of our party wanted to speak in this debate, but unfortunately only our party leader has been recognized.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. I very well understand the point raised by the hon. member. If he will look at the representation of the various parties, he will realize that the Chair—not necessarily I, but also those who chaired the sitting today—has tried to be fair and to balance things. At any rate, the Chair tries in general in each debate to allocate in all fairness the time allotted to hon. members.

Order, please. It being 9.45 o'clock, it is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 58(9), to interrupt the proceedings and to put forthwith every question necessary to dispose of the motion before the House.

[*English*]

All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Cost of Living

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Stanfield) which was negatived on the following division:

(Division No. 39)

YEAS

Messrs:

Alexander	Hamilton	McCleave
Alkenbrack	(Swift Current-	McGrath
Andre	Maple Creek)	McKenzie
Arrol	Hargrave	McKinley
Atkey	Hees	McKinnon
Baker	Hellyer	Mitges
Baldwin	Higson	Morgan
Balfour	Hollands	Muir
Bawden	Holmes	Munro
Beattie	Horner	(Esquimalt-
(Hamilton	(Crowfoot)	Saanich)
Mountain)	Horner	Murta
Beatty	(Battleford-	Neil
(Wellington-	Kindersley)	(Moose Jaw)
Grey-Dufferin-	Howie	Nielsen
Waterloo)	Hueglin	Nowlan
Bell	Hurlburt	O'Connor
Blenkarn	Jarvis	O'Sullivan
Carter	Jelinek	Paproski
Clark	Kempling	Patterson
(Rocky Mountain)	Knowles	Reilly
Clarke	(Norfolk-	Reynolds
(Vancouver	Haldimand)	Ritchie
Quadra)	Korchinski	Roche
Coates	Kuntz	Rynard
Cossitt	Lambert	Schellenberger
Danforth	(Edmonton West)	Schumacher
Darling	Lawrence	Scott
Dick	Lundrigan	Skoreyko
Diefenbaker	MacDonald	Stackhouse
Dinsdale	(Egmont)	Stanfield
Ellis	MacDonald (Miss)	Stevens
Epp	(Kingston and	Stewart
Fairweather	the Islands)	(Marquette)
Forrestall	MacInnis	Taylor
Frank	(Cape Breton-	Thomas
Fraser	East Richmond)	(Moncton)
Gillies	MacKay	Towers
Graffey	MacLean	Whittaker
Hales	Macquarrie	Wise
Haliburton	Marshall	Woolliams
Hamilton	Masniuk	Yewchuk—102.
(Qu'Appelle-	Mazankowski	
Moose Mountain)	McCain	