

*Inquiries of the Ministry***FINANCE****MEASURES TO ASSIST GRAIN INDUSTRY FOLLOWING FREEING OF DOLLAR EXCHANGE RATE**

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. In view of the fact that the minister indicated in answer to a question from myself on June 2 that the grains industry is an example of an industry adversely affected by the move to a floating exchange rate, could the minister inform the House if any policy decision has been taken on offsetting measures or whether any steps have been taken to deal with this matter?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): No, not to this point, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Burton: Mr. Speaker, could the minister inform the House whether he intends to take any steps to deal with this matter and establish any ways and means whereby those interested in this matter could make representations to the government?

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, people who have been interested have been making representations, mainly to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

Mr. Nowlan: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I know the question period has dragged on for a long time but because we are perhaps at the end of this part of the session I should like to ask a question of the House Leader in view of the fact that the election bill passed yesterday and a certain problem is involved.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Is there agreement that the hon. member may ask a question?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

CANADA ELECTIONS ACT**ALLEGED DISENFRANCHISEMENT OF CERTAIN PERSONS BY NEW LEGISLATION**

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the election bill which was passed by this House will probably receive Royal Assent today, I should like to ask the President of the Privy Council whether it is the intention of the government to give any specific instructions to all those residents of Canada, between 230,000 and

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940,000, who were disenfranchised by an amendment to the bill when it was in Committee of the Whole? Will the government advise them that they should take steps to become Canadian citizens within the five-year period?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member's understanding of the bill is wrong. No one is disenfranchised.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS**CANADA SHIPPING ACT****AMENDMENT TO POSTPONE EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS**

On the order:

Second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications of Bill S-23, An Act to postpone the expiration of certain provisions of An Act to amend the Canada Shipping Act.—The Minister of Transport.

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that this bill probably will go through without too much discussion, I wonder whether the government would consider having it dealt with in Committee of the Whole. This is just a suggestion because if the bill were referred to the standing committee the purpose sought by trying to get it through and receive royal assent today would be defeated.

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Yes Mr. Speaker, it was our intention to make such a request. Perhaps the House would be prepared to accept an amendment that on second reading the bill would be referred to the Committee of the Whole rather than to the standing committee.

Mr. Baldwin: That is all right, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, we are prepared to co-operate in this suggestion. We hope there will be similar co-operation in respect of Bill C-196.

[*Translation*]

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, we are prepared to co-operate but we express the wish that the committee to which this bill will be referred may be able at the same time to study carefully the conclusions of