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more than they could ever want in Saskatchewan or what is implied in the motion of the hon. member. I think that now, in light of this new regulation, the hon. member should be willing to withdraw his motion for the production of fictitious papers.

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, what is being debated here is the right to know. That is why there is a Motion for the Production of Papers. In reality, it is for the production of information.

Mr. Pepin: There are no papers.

Mr. Gleave: The people of Saskatchewan whom we represent want to know what has happened over a period of time between two governments, the government of Saskatchewan and the federal government, in respect of the development program that was put into effect. Saskatchewan is staggering under the blows of two Liberal governments, one there and one here. We want to know what they have been doing.

The answer seems to be that they have been doing nothing, because they cannot produce any evidence that anything has happened. If anything has been done, it should be possible to produce some evidence in this House and to say to the House that such and such has happened and that such correspondence or agreements exist. But nothing has happened. This is the real difficulty of the government, that they have to say there is nothing for us. We have to accept it.

Mr. Pepin: Always crying and complaining. The New Cry-baby Party.

Mr. Gleave: When Mr. Speaker calls us to order and asks that we stay on the subject of the Motion for the Production of Papers, I must admit it is hard to discuss something that happened that really did not happen, if you know what I mean. It is a very difficult thing to do, and I admit it. This probably has been the difficulty faced by hon. members who preceded me.

I do not want to disappoint the hon. member for Cochrane (Mr. Stewart) and start speaking about a certain cereal, in which case he would say, "There they go again". So I will disappoint him. I do not know whether so far as this program is concerned we will find ourselves in the same circumstances as befell other programs that have been announced. Perhaps a representative of the government will stand in this House a few months from now and say that this and this happened with

the new programs and he can give the House this and that information.

Mr. Burton: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. My concern in asking that the motion be transferred for debate was based on the lack of information or correspondence regarding this motion, two other motions and other related motions and questions on the Order Paper. I asked that the motion be transferred for debate because I thought it required further discussion. In view of the further explanation given by the Parliamentary Secretary this afternoon, I ask leave to withdraw my motion.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Regina East (Mr. Burton) seeks leave to withdraw the motion now before the House. Is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Order discharged and motion withdrawn.

Mr. Speaker: I understand that in another two or three minutes the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod will be knocking at the door of the House requesting our presence in the other place. If hon. members are agreed, we might wait until this important event takes place.

• (5:50 p.m.)

THE ROYAL ASSENT

A message was delivered by Lieutenant-Colonel A. Fortier, Assistant Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, it is the desire of the Honourable the Deputy of His Excellency the Governor General that this House attend him immediately in the chamber of the Honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the House went up to the Senate chamber.

• (6:00 p.m.)

And being returned:

Mr. Speaker informed the House that the Deputy Governor General had been pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, Royal Assent to the following bills:

An act to amend the Quebec Savings Banks Act
An act to amend the Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act and other statutory provisions related to the subject matter of certain of those amendments

An act to amend the Foreign Insurance Companies Act

An act to amend the Trust Companies Act