

of a long debate on the coarse grains part of the motion, and we would like to avoid that.

Mr. HOWE: It may shorten debate if I say that at the proper stage when we are discussing the bill in committee, I will agree to separate the part concerning coarse grains and have that part sent to the agriculture committee for discussion, provided that such discussion will make it possible to expedite the remainder of the bill, which should be non-contentious. I am quite willing to do that. And if my hon. friend will delay the moving of his amendment until the bill is before us, and move it when we are considering the coarse grain section, I undertake to agree.

Mr. ROSS (Souris): May I ask the minister one question? Would he agree to referring the pension clause of it to the committee, too? There is general agreement on the payment of moneys belonging to the farmers; but there will be quite a debate on the contributory principle of pensions. If you wish to have the payments passed through quickly, and the money paid to the farmers, I suggest that you divide it up twice.

Mr. HOWE: I am willing to open the grain act twice. I know the fervour which overcomes certain members of the house when anyone mentions wheat, and I know that certain members, such as the hon. member who has just spoken, will speak on every such occasion, at great length. It seems to me that the matter of pensions is so much a part of the fabric of this country today that that section should not be contentious. I am not going to open the wheat board bill three times; I will open it only twice. I must say I will not open it three times.

If it is necessary to delay the payment of tens of millions of dollars because we cannot agree that the Canadian wheat board can pay pensions to its employees, then I think payments must be delayed. There is a limit to the patience of governments. There is also a limit of twelve months in the year. We can sit in this parliament for only twelve months; and I think we are booked with work for eleven months now.

I think the offer I have made is a good one, and I hope hon. members will feel disposed to expedite the bill so that the money can be paid out and so that a pension plan can be made effective.

Mr. ROSS (Souris): I had only suggested that it be divided two ways. Make the payments separately.

Mr. CASTLEDEN: The minister gives his undertaking that, as the bill comes on, opportunity will be given to divide it. I shall be pleased to hold back my resolution until that time. We want these payments put through as rapidly as possible, and that will facilitate it.

Motion agreed to on division and the house went into committee, Mr. Golding in the chair.

The DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shall the resolution carry?

Mr. ROSS (Souris): On division.

Resolution reported, read the second time and concurred in. Mr. Howe thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. 135, to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act, 1935.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr. Golding): When shall the bill be read the second time?

Some hon. MEMBERS: Now.

Mr. BLACKMORE: How in the world can we read a bill a second time, when we have never seen it?

Mr. ROSS (Souris): In all fairness, we should see the bill.

## WAYS AND MEANS

### EXCISE TAX ACT AMENDMENT

The house in committee of ways and means, Mr. Golding in the chair.

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Excise Tax Act and to provide:

1. That on and after November 18, 1947, there shall be imposed, levied and collected an excise tax of twenty-five per cent (25%) on the following goods imported into or manufactured or produced in Canada: (a) the following electrical appliances, grills, waffle irons; hot plates, roasters; kettles; chafing dishes; food or drink mixers; juice extractors; coffee makers; toasters of all kinds; portable humidifiers; curling irons or tongs; hair dryers; permanent waving machines and spacers or clamps; rods and heaters therefor; razors and shavers; food choppers and grinders; irons and ironers; vacuum cleaners and attachments thereof; garbage disposal units; floor waxers and polishers; (b) electric or gas refrigerators or freezing equipment, and coils, condensing or compressor units, cabinets, boxes, evaporators and expansion valves therefor; air conditioning, cooling or filtering equipment, and complete parts thereof; oil burners and oil burning equipment; all the foregoing when adapted to household or apartment use or when for use in places of entertainment, amusement or recreation, including rinks, auditoria, halls and clubs; (c) articles and equipment designed for use in golf, tennis, badminton.