

Day, title amended to read an Act respecting Confederation Day, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, and Motion No. 1 (Mr. Gibson).

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I may point out to the House that the last time the House dealt with public bills we had before us Bill C-29, about which certain procedural questions were raised and I am prepared to give a ruling, but would first like to recognize the hon. member for Saint John-Lancaster.

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): Mr. Speaker, I just want to take a moment to clear up some points raised in my interventions on the last two occasions in this procedural debate. This matter moved on more quickly than anticipated and I did not have a chance, personally, to look up all the relevant precedents. I felt that if this bill had dropped to the bottom of the list it might have been brought forward by the government for debate on government orders. It has since been demonstrated by those who know more about the rules than I that if the bill had dropped to the bottom of the list it would have disappeared and, unless the government wanted to bring it forward as a measure of its own, that would have been the end of it. I am prepared to forgo what I said before, and if it is decided that the measure ought to be dropped, that will suit me. It was more a case of my not trusting the new rules rather than of not knowing them. I argue now that the bill should be dropped to the bottom of the list and disappear for this session. I felt, originally, that we could control matters if the bill were kept in its place. I thank the House for listening to my apology.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: If there are no further contributions, I might now deal with the procedural questions raised the last time we dealt with Bill C-29. As hon. members will remember, on the initiative of the hon. member for Saint John-Lancaster (Mr. Bell), a special order was made by the House on April 24, 1970, as reported at page 6269 of *Hansard*, for the purpose of allowing Bill C-29, an Act respecting Canada Day, to retain its precedence at the head of the list of public bills. When the bill was before the House on May 12, 1970, the hon. member for Malpeque (Mr. MacLean) raised a point of order with respect to the position of the said bill on the Order Paper. Some question arose as to whether the provisions of the special order made in relation to the said bill, as recorded at pages 714 and 715 of *Votes and Proceed-*

ings for April 24, was of a permanent nature. In the opinion of the Chair, that special order had effect for the sitting of May 12 only and the wording in the *Votes and Proceedings* must be so construed. That wording reads as follows:

By unanimous consent, it was ordered,—That should consideration of Bill C-29, An Act respecting Canada Day, not be disposed of at this sitting, the said bill shall stand and retain its precedence.

The wording in the foregoing, I suggest, limits the operation of the special order to a single sitting, that is, the next sitting after April 24 in which the said bill was reached. That was the twelfth day of May.

Accordingly, it is my view that order no. 1 under Public Bills should be dropped and the House will now proceed with Order No. 2, namely, second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development of Bill C-28, an act to preserve and promote native Indian and Eskimo arts and crafts.

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Too bad.

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, owing to special circumstances, I believe there is general agreement in the House to call it six o'clock.

Mr. Baldwin: Yes, Mr. Speaker, we agree, unless the House is prepared to give unanimous consent to the passage of item No. 110, which strikes me as being a very good private members' public bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Shall I call it six o'clock?

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): We may as well call it six o'clock, so we can lick our wounds.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being six o'clock, I do now leave the Chair until 8 p.m.

At 5.05 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 8 p.m.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

FARM PRODUCTS MARKETING AGENCIES BILL

ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL MARKETING COUNCIL AND AGENCIES

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Olson that Bill C-197, to estab-