

Mr. Murphy: Madam Speaker, I certainly apologize to the incumbent chairman of the national Liberal caucus. I certainly did not want to create any rebellion in the ranks.

Mr. Prud'homme: We have enough, thank you.

Mr. Murphy: However, to respond seriously to the concern of his colleague, the Member for Nickel Belt (Mr. Rodriguez) will be our last speaker on this Bill. We will then allow it to proceed to Committee of the Whole, to pass through all stages prior to eight o'clock, and to allow the next piece of legislation to be brought forward.

Mr. Rodriguez: Madam Speaker, I was specifically referring to the hamburger buns because I think the Minister is in a receptive mood to hear suggestions. The Government is hell-bent to create free trade between Canada and the United States and we cannot move hamburger buns between provinces. Can you believe that? I cannot believe that for a minute.

This looks like a very small Bill but I have become very leery of Bills slipping through in the dying hours of a sitting and giving the Government power. I have complimented the Government on this Bill, but I see something missing from it. As an example of the power that the Government has been given, it can:

—enter any conveyance that the inspector believes on reasonable grounds is used to carry any article to which section 6 or 6.1 applies and examine any such article found therein and take samples thereof—

What about having search warrants? We are giving officers of the Crown a lot of power, the power to seize.

I also see that there is a lack of any process for appeal. If I believe my product is all right and the inspector thinks I am in breach of this—

Mr. Wise: These are amendments to an Act.

Mr. Rodriguez: I know these are amendments to an Act.

Mr. Wise: There is another part to the Act.

Mr. Rodriguez: That is right, there's another part of the Act. However, I want to point that out to the Minister because he has brought this Bill forward and he is certainly not an expert on beer. I wonder whether he has taken that into consideration.

What about penalty clauses in case someone contravenes these sections? I will be asking these questions when we go into Committee of the Whole. I want to satisfy myself that we are not giving the inspectors undue powers and that we do have penalties which can act as a deterrent to people putting products on the market which have been declared unsafe for consumers and purchasers. I will ask those questions when we get into Committee of the Whole. I know the Minister will be forthcoming with his answers.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Is the House ready for the question?

Food and Drugs Act

Some Hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the second time and the House went into committee thereon, Mrs. Champagne in the Chair.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, I rise on a brief point of order before we get to the "Bunmaster" of the New Democratic Party. There have been discussions among the Parties and I think you would find unanimous consent for the passage of a motion. We are seeking unanimous consent to proceed upon the understanding that the critics for the Official Opposition and the New Democratic Party on Energy, Mines and Resources be provided with a copy of the report to which I will refer prior to it being tabled. I move:

That notwithstanding the usual practices of the House, if the House is not sitting when the eighth report of the Standing Committee on Energy, Mines and Resources is completed, the committee shall present its report by filing it with the Clerk of the House provided that the report shall then be deemed to have been laid upon the table.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Is there unanimous consent for the motion of the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne): Pursuant to Standing Order 78, I do now leave the Chair for the House to go into Committee of the Whole.

House in Committee of the Whole on Bill S-6, (from the Senate) an Act to amend the Food and Drugs Act—Mr. Epp (Provencher)—Mrs. Champagne in the Chair.

On Clause 1—

Mr. Rodriguez: Madam Chairman, I posed some questions when speaking earlier. I ask the Minister to respond to my questions with regard to the penalty clauses.