

Title agreed to.

● (1550)

Hon. D. M. Collette (for the Minister of Justice) moved that Bill C-58, an Act to correct certain anomalies, inconsistencies, archaisms and errors, and to deal with other matters of a noncontroversial and uncomplicated nature in the Statutes of Canada, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: When shall the Bill be read the third time? By unanimous consent, now?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Collette (for the Minister of Justice) moved that the Bill be read the third time and do pass.

Motion agreed to and Bill read the third time and passed.

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FARM PRODUCTS MARKETING AGENCIES ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture) moved that Bill C-56, an Act to amend the Farm Products Marketing Agencies Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council.

Mr. Evans: Mr. Speaker, there have been discussions and we would ask you to seek unanimous consent that the Bill not be sent to the Standing Committee, but rather to a Committee of the Whole, and proceeded with at all stages prior to four o'clock.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The House has heard the proposal. Is that agreed?

Mr. Hargrave: Mr. Speaker, I want to be absolutely clear. Does what the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary said imply that it will go through third reading as well, or will there be a request for unanimous consent for third reading?

Mr. Evans: No, there will not be.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: I think we should take this stage by stage. I would suggest that we agree that the matter go to Committee of the Whole and we can deal with the merits of the Bill and try to make progress.

Mr. Hargrave: Is that absolutely understood, Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Then we will come back and ask for any other unanimous consent.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Chair is in the hands of the House. The Hon. Parliamentary Secretary.

Farm Products Marketing Agencies Act

Mr. Evans: In that case, Mr. Speaker, to facilitate the passage or movement of the Bill, I would simply ask for unanimous consent that the Bill not be sent to the standing committee, but rather be referred to Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is that agreed to?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the second time and, by unanimous consent, the House went into Committee thereon, Mr. Corbin in the Chair.

The Chairman: The Hon. Member for Saskatoon West on a point of order.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: There are five minutes to go. I think that we would want to have this matter proceed with so that we can bring it to its conclusion. I would seek unanimous consent of the House that we not see the clock at four o'clock, but proceed until we deal with the different stages of this legislation. In that way we can in fact have somebody say something. We have amendments to propose. The mere act of putting in amendments will take up the time. I am sure that all Members of the House would be agreeable to not seeing the clock at four o'clock in order that we can get this Bill dealt with.

The Chairman: Before recognizing the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, let the Chairman indicate to the House that that poses a difficulty. The committee is not empowered to not see the clock or to extend time. That can only be done with the Speaker in the Chair.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: I would then ask for unanimous consent that the Chairman of Committees rise and report progress, at which time I will ask for the unanimous consent of the House to revert to Committee of the Whole once we have passed a motion which I propose to bring that we not see the clock at four o'clock.

Mr. Evans: Mr. Speaker, I think that is a terribly unconventional procedure which is being asked for. It violates the straight agreement which was put when the House order was passed this morning, that the House will rise at four o'clock to give the Senate the opportunity to deal with the Bills and give Royal Assent to these Bills today as the House is adjourning today. The Opposition has known that all along. There has been plenty of time to deal with these Bills.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, come on John.

Mr. Evans: The House Leader has indicated clearly that at four o'clock no unanimous consent will be given.

Mr. Deans: Mr. Speaker, I was aware of discussions that had taken place with regard to not extending beyond four o'clock. However, let us not be foolish about this. This is an