

Western Grain Transportation Act

do what it does best, and that is sell or facilitate the sale of grain on behalf of producers in western Canada.

The Board has gone through a lot of changes. I think it has gone through changes at a measured pace. We have now part of a dual system when it comes to feed grains. There are all kinds of arguments for another day as to the ability of a dual system to function. The people who make the dual system function under the Canadian Wheat Board Act are the very producers who grow that grain and sell it. If they did not want that system to function in that manner it would not. No one is supposed to sell barley either way under the feed grain act. That is a choice individual producers make. It is not a matter that the Board has lost power but the Board has been made, let us use the word "responsible", by the very producers that it has been established to serve.

I will be voting for Motion No. 39. I hope it will carry. If not, I am sure I will be seriously looking at Motion No. 40 as an alternative. I hope though that Members on the Government side will take a second look. I know the Minister of Transport (Mr. Axworthy) is going to speak. I hope he has had time to consider the amendments put forward by our Party and he has considered the real purpose of the Canadian Wheat Board. I hope he will be giving us some support in this area. Debate can go on and on, but in reality the matter rests with Government Members to make sure that the Canadian Wheat Board is protected and given the ability to do its job.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): I recognize now the Minister of Transport (Mr. Axworthy). I see the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) is rising on a point of order.

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I notice the Minister is standing and I do not want to interrupt him. However, I move, seconded by the Hon. Member for Nanaimo-Alberni (Mr. Miller):

That the Hon. Member for Yorkton-Melville (Mr. Nystrom) be now heard.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): The House has heard the terms of the motion. All those in favour of the motion please say yea.

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five Members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Call in the Members.

● (1750)

[*And The Speaker having resumed the chair at 5.59 p.m.*]

Madam Speaker: This morning the House resumed consideration of the Report Stage of Bill C-155. During the course of the debate, the Chair recognized the Hon. Minister of Transport (Mr. Axworthy) as the next speaker, at which time the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans), pursuant to Standing Order 33 moved:

That the Hon. Member for Yorkton-Melville be now heard.

The Chair having put the question to the House, the bells were sounded to call in the Members. Some time later the Chair was informed by Party representatives that they did not intend to come into the House today to vote on the question. The bells were stopped since it was futile to call in the Members.

It is now six o'clock p.m. and Standing Order 8 requires the Speaker to adjourn the House until the next sitting day. While Standing Order 33 provides for a motion that a certain Member be now heard, the Chair has no choice but to interpret the word "now" to mean at this sitting. Since it is not possible to assume that either the speaker who had the floor when this motion was moved or the Member who was to be now heard would be present in the House or, for that matter, would necessarily want to be heard or to speak, the motion thus lapses because the situation in the House is unpredictable.

A motion under Standing Order 33 that a certain Member be now heard is not in itself a dilatory motion such as a motion to adjourn the House or the debate. However, since the Chair was informed that Members would not present themselves to vote, and since in effect the House has been prevented from conducting its business, this motion is *ipso facto* to be considered as a dilatory motion and, therefore, lapses.

It being six o'clock p.m., I declare that the motion of the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain is no longer before the House and that this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At 6 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.