

### TRANSPORT

#### RAPSEED MEAL—ALLEGED FREIGHT RATE DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WESTERN CRUSHERS

**Mr. R. R. Southam (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, my question is also for the Minister of Transport. It is a repeat of the question I put to him on Wednesday relating to discrimination in freight rates affecting the movement of rapeseed meal east and west in Canada. The minister said he would examine the matter and answer later.

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, and I did. I understand that four appeals have been lodged under the appropriate procedures before the Canadian Transport Commission. If the hon. member is interested in the names, they are the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, Agra Industries Limited, Co-op Vegetable Oils Ltd. and Western Canadian Seed Processors Limited—that is, western rapeseed crushers. These are all appeals under section 23 of the National Transportation Act. Hearings commenced on April 24 and are still proceeding.

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### ELECTIONS

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN BILL TO BE INTRODUCED

**Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I return to a matter raised by the hon. member for Peace River and ask the Acting Prime Minister whether or not the legislation that he said would be introduced some time next week concerning election expenses will be based on the recommendations in the report of the special committee on election expenses which submitted its report to the House on June 4 last year? If so, will the legislation include provision for some form of disclosure of contributions, as recommended by that committee?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member will appreciate that the question anticipates an order. If the Acting Prime Minister wishes to reply briefly to the question he will be allowed to do so, but I have serious doubts as to its procedural acceptability.

**Hon. Arthur Laing (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. gentleman would want to be kept in a state of anticipation of seeing the bill when it is printed.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, in light of what Your Honour says, with which I agree most thoroughly, there is some problem here because of the fact that the Prime Minister saw fit to disclose some of the provisions of that bill yesterday.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have to bring to the attention of hon. members that we have reached the end of the question period. I understand the right hon. gentleman has a supplementary.

### Old Age Security Act

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** Mr. Speaker, in view of the disclosure made outside the House, which of course is a contempt of parliament—

**Mr. Benson:** You did it all the time.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** It would not be a contempt to the former Minister of Finance because he was used to doing that sort of thing. However, I am speaking to the Acting Prime Minister now. Has the cabinet passed the necessary resolution in order to make possible the introduction of the legislation to which the Prime Minister referred?

**Mr. Laing:** Mr. Speaker, if we were on the benches opposite, as we were years ago—

**Some hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. Baldwin:** You will be soon.

**Mr. Laing:** —I would get from the right hon. member the same kind of answer as I am going to give him. I have nothing to say.

**Mr. Diefenbaker:** That reply just shows how ridiculous was the statement made yesterday by the Prime Minister.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Orders of the day.

### GOVERNMENT ORDERS

#### OLD AGE SECURITY ACT

##### AMENDMENTS RESPECTING ESCALATION OF PENSIONS, RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS, INCREASE IN GUARANTEED INCOME SUPPLEMENT

The House resumed, from Wednesday, May 10, consideration of the motion of Mr. Munro that Bill C-207, to amend the Old Age Security Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. Before the Chair recognizes the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre I might refer to the ruling that I indicated I would make when this matter was before the House on Wednesday last. At that time the hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe (Mr. Marshall) proposed an amendment to the motion for second reading of Bill C-207, an act to amend the Old Age Security Act, in the following words:

This House, deeply conscious of the need to increase the Old Age Security pension so as to reflect the full increase in the consumer price index since January 1, 1967, to date with adjustments to the guaranteed income supplement, is of the opinion that the government should consider the advisability of introducing appropriate amendments to effect such changes to the present limited terms of the bill.

At that time, as recorded at page 2154 of *Hansard*, the Chair indicated that he had certain misgivings about the form of the proposed amendment and suggested that the amendment did not appear to meet the requirements of a reasoned amendment, either in form or in purport. At page 527 of May's Seventeenth Edition three rules are set