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Would he also bring to the attention of the railway company the problem which affects many workers in respect of contracts of employment which contain the non-fraternization clause. I am thinking specifically of the *Marconi v. Whitfield* case. Marconi had a contract from the government and the company's employment contract with one of its employees contained a clause that the employee was not to fraternize with Indians or Eskimos. This railway, as we know, is to be built in an area in which large numbers of these people are living. I wonder whether the minister could give us some assurance that he would seek to ensure through his contacts with the C.N.R. that this non-fraternization clause is not included in the work contract.

Mr. Speaker: Is the house ready for the question?

Mr. Peters: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member has made a speech on the amendment. He cannot make a second speech on the amendment unless he has the unanimous consent of the house to do so.

Mr. Peters: I do not wish to make a speech. In the light of the assurance the minister has given us that he will accept responsibility for making representations to the C.N.R., I ask leave to withdraw the motion, if I am given the unanimous consent of the house.

Mr. Speaker: Does the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters) have leave of the house to withdraw the motion now before us?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Amendment (Mr. Peters) withdrawn.

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

• (4:00 p.m.)

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AMENDMENTS EXTENDING PERIOD, RESPECTING INTEREST RATES, ETC.

The house resumed from Monday, October 7, consideration in committee of Bill No. C-111, to amend the Farm Improvement Loans Act—Mr. Olson (for Mr. Benson)—Mr. Faulkner in the chair.

On clause 1.

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Chairman, before the minister makes a statement may I ask him an ancillary question related to this, and to some extent having an effect on the nature of our [Mr. Gilbert.]

business. Has the minister given any consideration to the matter I raised with him, that when this bill is completed he might be prepared to change the order of priority and proceed after this with the bill relating to the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act rather than with the bill to amend the Farm Credit Act?

Mr. Olson: Mr. Chairman, I did give consideration to it, although I think it was only about a ten minute consideration. I agree it is urgent that the cash advance legislation be put through as quickly as possible, but I would not like to admit that the bill with respect to the Farm Credit Corporation is not also urgent. The reason I say so is because there is a necessity to increase the cash for the corporation so that it can continue its operations. The corporation usually gets a large number of applications for credit at this time of the year, and it would be rather helpful to it if the bill relating to it were to go through also.

I am sure the hon. member realizes there is the other problem of having the legislation come through in some kind of order, so that the officials who are required to answer hon. members' questions may be on hand and ready to come into the committee when needed. Since the hon. member raised this matter with me, a few minutes ago, I have been unable to get in touch with the Minister without Portfolio (Mr. Lang) from Saskatoon, to ascertain whether or not he and his officials are ready to proceed at once.

My hope is that we could get this bill through, then the farm credit bill, and get on to the cash advance legislation as well. As a matter of fact it is going to be called, once these other bills are through. I should also say I would be willing to wait with the bill to amend the Farm Machinery Syndicates Credit Act until the cash advance legislation has gone through, because it is not as urgent. There are some important amendments in it, but it would not cause any great difficulty from the point of view of administration or from the point of view of people who use that act, if the amending bill were delayed for a few days. I would be willing to put the cash advance legislation ahead of the farm syndicates legislation, but I would not be willing to give any other assurance at this point. We shall have to assume that as soon as the farm improvement loans legislation goes through, the Farm Credit Act amending bill would follow, until or unless I have made other arrangements.