

Let me refer to another problem. The hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar (Mr. Gleave) would like to have a desk in the minister's office in his riding. The minister's office is in the riding of that hon. member. Private members cannot expect to get that sort of privilege but they can get an increase in wages.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Order.

Mr. Benjamin: I am sure the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar would appreciate some aid, assistance and comfort of this type. Perhaps he could sit in a corner of the minister's office in his riding.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member's remarks are interesting but I have some doubt as to their relevance to the bill before the House.

Mr. Benjamin: Mr. Speaker, I was trying to let my colleague, the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar, in on the advances to the office space fund. Actually, this is just a sort of warm-up to what is to come in the next few weeks; it is only preliminary to what will happen in respect of legislation the minister has on the order paper. I suppose one could say we are all practising or rehearsing for what is to come. This is infield practice in advance of the more serious part of the game to come.

We will go along with the amendments proposed by the minister, but God help him if his prediction falls short during this or the next crop year. These amendments will save the government several millions of dollars in interest charges. No doubt this makes the Minister of Finance (Mr. Benson) very happy and puts the minister in charge of the Wheat Board in his good graces. I cannot say the same for his position so far as the farmers of the Prairie provinces are concerned. We will now sort of rest a while, but we will not rest easy. We will wait to see what happens as a result of the minister's amendments. We will wait to see what happens this fall following his proposals regarding quotas and grain delivery. We look forward with great anticipation to seeing what will happen.

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, I believe that Bill C-239 is the result of a debate which took place in this House of Commons on October 28, 1968.

An hon. Member: Read my speech.

Mr. Horner: I do not have to read any member's speech made during the fall of 1968 to know what gave rise to the proposals contained in this bill; I can only suggest the relationship between what happened in 1968 and the proposals contained in four agricultural bills, namely, Bill C-239, Bill C-176, the bill pertaining to grain marketing and the grain storage bill.

Let me refer hon. members to a speech made by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) on June 2, 1968, in which he enunciated Liberal policy on agriculture. His speech was made in the city of Winnipeg.

An hon. Member: He said, "Why should I sell your grain?"

Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act

Mr. Horner: Yes, he said that. I well remember that remark. I could quote his remarks on a number of other subjects. However, at this time I shall refer to the remarks he made about cash advances' legislation. I quote from the *Winnipeg Free Press* of June 4 in reference to his speech of June 2 in which he enunciated the Liberal government's policy. He said:

This, of course, is a long-term attempt to solve the problem.

I underline those words. He went on to say:

To tide farmers over the immediate situation, it is proposed that the amount of cash available to farmers as interest-free loans on farm-stored wheat doubled from \$3,000 to \$6,000 and that the rate of repayment be reduced.

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This was enunciated by the Prime Minister on June 2, 1968, in Winnipeg. We have also heard the minister's remarks regarding the necessity of doubling the amount and reducing repayments. We have heard that they have done this in order to tide over the farmers and what a great benefit this program has been to producers during their worst possible delivery years. He said the government doubled the amount available and reduced the repayment of cash advances. What has this led to?

Before continuing I should like to point out to the House that the Prime Minister of Canada made these remarks when the hon. member for Saskatoon-Humboldt (Mr. Lang) was not in charge of the Wheat Board; he was just arunning, just an also-ran in the election of June, 1968. He was not in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board. He was not in charge of the advance payments program or in charge of sales of wheat until six or seven months after those statements were made by the Prime Minister. Let me make it abundantly clear to the House and to the country that one man is running Canada, and one man only. That man is the Prime Minister of Canada.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Horner: I hear some cheers. I point out that that man happens to be on holiday today. I hope he is enjoying his holiday, because the country is not enjoying the holidays he is having. The country has not enjoyed the repeated holidays that man has taken since he laid down the program that his yes-men must follow. I think we as Canadians must be appreciative of the fact that Canadians are not yes-men.

An hon. Member: Yes, man!

Mr. Horner: Someone sitting very close to the former mayor of Toronto—I believe his name is Givens; he does not speak very often in this House—said, "Yes, man". I appreciate there may well be two of them from Toronto who do not like the way this government is carrying on its business.

I wish to bring to the attention of the House that we are thankful the former Minister of Communications has said he has had enough. He has found it necessary to go across the country and say he will no longer be dominat-