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number of hon. members of the house, including those in whose names bills numbered 1 to 7 appear on the order paper, I believe there may be a general inclination to give unanimous consent to the consideration of Bill No. S-20, to incorporate the Co-operative Trust Company Limited, which stands in my name.

• (6:00 p.m.)

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Tardif): Does the house give unanimous consent that Bill No. S-20 be now considered?

Mr. Cameron (High Park): Mr. Speaker, I consent on the assumption that there will be a very limited debate on the bill or in fact no debate at all. The hon. member for Rosthern spoke to us about this matter and it was agreed that his bill would receive priority if there were no debate on it.

Mr. Howard: Mr. Speaker, we have no objection to giving unanimous consent to having the bill called for second reading but I would point out that the assumption just expressed by the hon. member for High Park is purely that, just an assumption, and should not form part of any agreement to proceed with the bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Perhaps I should point out to the house that of the items preceding No. 8, Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 7 could be stood at the request of the hon. members sponsoring the bills and each could retain its place if there were a request from the government to do so. Items Nos. 3, 5 and 6 are for resuming debates; therefore they are orders of the house and unanimous consent would be required to stand them. Perhaps we could proceed with the order standing in the name of the hon. member for Rosthern if the house would agree by unanimous consent to stand items Nos. 1 to 7 inclusive for the time being and that they retain their positions on the order paper.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The house will then proceed to—

Mr. Cameron (High Park): Mr. Speaker, I want to accommodate my hon. friend to the greatest possible extent. However, when this matter was mentioned to me I was given to understand it had been arranged that this

bill would receive second reading with no debate. I referred just now to a minimum of debate. Under the circumstances I do not see how I can consent to this bill being proceeded with now. I regret it very much, but if there is not unanimous consent I believe we should proceed with the items as they appear on the order paper.

Mr. Nasserden: Mr. Speaker, I would be prepared to move the motion without any debate at all and without making any introductory remarks. I understand there might be very limited remarks by an hon. member of another party. I do not think this bill would take very long at all. I would really appreciate the co-operation of the house if I could have it.

Mr. Barnett: On the point of order, Mr. Speaker, I do not wish to indulge in semantics but it is my understanding that the arrangement was that there would be a reasonable amount of debate on the bill. I have had a chance to look at the bill. I think it is an important one and should not simply be passed as certain bills have been at other times in this chamber without any comment at all from interested members. I was not a party to any private discussion on the matter. It would seem to me that this is the kind of bill that could be given second reading after a reasonable amount of debate.

Mr. Cameron (High Park): Mr. Speaker, I am relying on my good friend the hon. member for Comox-Alberni that there will not be an extended debate. I understand that hon. members have explored the ambit of the bill and are prepared to give it the attention they think it deserves but they do not think it will take too long.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it agreed that by unanimous consent we proceed with item No. 8?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

CO-OPERATIVE TRUST COMPANY LIMITED

Mr. E. Nasserden (Rosthern) moved the second reading of Bill No. S-20, respecting Co-operative Trust Company Limited.

He said: Mr. Speaker, Bill No. S-20 provides for the incorporation of the Co-operative Trust Company of Canada. I should like to thank all hon. members for their co-operation in giving precedence to this bill today.

Co-operative Trust was first incorporated by an act of the legislature of the province of Saskatchewan 15 years ago. It was created to serve a special purpose in that province and