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ing Order which would allow representatives of parties in opposition to speak in response to a ministerial statement. By consent the hon. member for Joliette; is this agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Translation]

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I do not wish to interfere with agreements reached this morning by the various parties. However, it was said that all hon. members have been informed by the House leaders of amendments to be introduced by the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Olson). But I must say that I am not aware of these amendments for some reason, and if unanimous consent was requested, I should like to know about the amendments before letting the House take an unanimous decision concerning this bill.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The point made by the hon. member is well taken, of course, and we will meet that very real problem whenever that kind of amendment is proposed by the hon. Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Olson). If at any point unanimous consent is required, of course, any hon. member can object, including the hon. member for Joliette.

Mr. MacEachen: May I say in reply to the comments made by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) that it is quite agreeable that this change be incorporated at the end of paragraph 3 of the motion as indicated by the hon. member.

Mr. Speaker: The motion, then, would read as follows:

That when the consideration of Bill C-176, an act to establish the National Farm Products Marketing Council, is resumed in this day's sitting, the House shall first consider motions (1), (5) and (22), including any amendment to be proposed and, then, to any amendment that may be proposed to clause (18) of the bill, and next to motion numbered (27), and any amendment that may be proposed thereto.

At the expiry of 90 minutes, if required, for the discussion of each of the above item or items stated in paragraph (1) of this motion, every question necessary to conclude consideration of the specified item or items shall be forthwith put and any recorded division, if demanded, shall be deferred.

If the items listed in paragraph 1 above are concluded prior to ten o'clock p.m., the House will revert to motion numbered (2) and continue to consider other motions in the sequence listed on the notice paper, provided that the consideration of any such motion shall not exceed 90 minutes.

That during the further consideration of the report stage of the said bill, no member may speak longer than ten minutes at any time;

At ten o'clock p.m., Mr. Speaker shall put forthwith and successively every question necessary to dispose of the report stage of the said bill.

After the disposal of the report stage of the said bill, the House shall proceed forthwith to the consideration of the third reading and passage stage of the said bill, and shall continue to sit until proceedings thereon have been concluded, and during such proceedings no member may speak longer than 20 minutes at any time.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: Carried.

[Mr. Speaker.]

• (2:30 p.m.)

AGRICULTURE**DAIRYING—CHANGE IN HOLDBACK POLICY ON MANUFACTURING MILK AND CREAM**

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I wish to inform the House of an important change in the Canadian Dairy Commission's holdback policy on payment to shippers of manufacturing milk and cream. This change will further improve the returns of dairy producers.

There has been some question of the necessity of a higher rate of holdback on over-quota deliveries in a situation where butter production this year will be slightly below Canadian requirements.

The Dairy Commission has consulted closely with dairy producer organizations on this. The consensus is that if the supply management system on which the dairy industry is embarked, and which has been of considerable benefit to producers this year, is to work effectively there has to be some significant charge to discourage excess production when appropriate. However, as a special measure in the circumstances of this year the payment programs will be adjusted to allow producers a margin of deliveries in excess of their quotas before the over-quota rate of holdback is applied.

In provinces under market quotas the holdback is made from market payments to producers, based on their market quotas. This applies at present to Ontario, Quebec and, since December 1, to Prince Edward Island. In these, the adjustment will permit a producer to exceed his market quota ten per cent before the over-quota holdback is applied.

Mr. Horner: This is just election bait.

Mr. Olson: Elsewhere, the holdback is made from subsidy payments, based on each producer's subsidy quota.

If all provinces were under market quotas, the national total of the subsidy quotas would be about 70 per cent of the total market quotas. For this reason, there will be a larger allowance for over-quota deliveries where the holdback is made from subsidy payments. The adjustment will permit producers in provinces not under market sharing quotas to exceed their subsidy quotas by 30 per cent before the over-quota rate of holdback is applied.

Mr. Horner: Do not forget the sheep men. They want their subsidy back.

Mr. Olson: This arrangement will apply both to manufacturing milk and cream.

I wish to stress that this is a special arrangement for the dairy year ending next March 31; dairy producers should not interpret this as indicating that a similar arrangement will apply next year.

Mr. Horner: This announcement is being made just for the election. The minister should give the sheep men back their subsidy. They will not vote for the government unless he does.

An hon. Member: This is nothing but election blackmail.

Mr. Horner: Yes. This is election blackmail.