

Farm Products Marketing Agencies Bill

Mr. McIntosh: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. Your Honour made the excuse that you did not hear what the hon. member was saying. By insinuation, you also referred to this side of the House, indicating that we were the cause of Your Honour not hearing what the hon. member said. At the time the statement was made, we all heard it. I agree with the hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner) that it should be withdrawn. I do not think Your Honour should allow this debate to continue without making the member withdraw what he said. If you did not hear it, it will be reported in *Hansard*.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order.

Mr. McIntosh: Wait until I get through with my question of privilege.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order.

Mr. McIntosh: I am rising on a question of privilege.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): I ask the hon. member to resume his seat. I will repeat what I said before the question of privilege was raised. I was rising to state that there was disorder in the House. I could not follow the hon. member who was speaking. When the Speaker asks for order, he should have the order of the House. I do not see any question of privilege at this time. The hon. member for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton.

Mr. McBride: Mr. Speaker, the issue before the House today is one of great concern.

Mr. Hees: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I think everyone in the House except Your Honour heard what the hon. member said. I quite naturally believe Your Honour when you say that you did not hear what was said. I wish to make a suggestion. I know the Chair will agree that the rules must be followed and that no hon. member is allowed to impute motives to another member. I suggest that Your Honour wait until six o'clock, examine *Hansard*, come back at eight o'clock and then make your ruling. I quite agree you cannot make it now if you claim you did not hear it. Naturally, we accept Your Honour's word. I think this matter should be cleared up and I feel this is the way it should be done.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order. The hon. member for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton.

Mr. McBride: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order. The hon. member did not get my point that I did not hear. I will look at the blues when I receive them, that is for sure.

Mr. McIntosh: You never said that.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): I may not have said it, but that is what I meant to say. I will read the "blues" at six o'clock. If there is any ruling to be made, it will be done when we resume.

Mr. McBride: Mr. Speaker, if my aim was to cause havoc in the House I would have more cause for a question of privilege then does the hon. member. When the hon.

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member stands up and uses foul language concerning me, it brings dishonour on the House and on the constituents he is supposed to be representing. Surely all members in this House are prepared to follow the advice of Cardinal Leger who reminded us that the facts are also the truth. In this instance, it happens to be that many of us are long since convinced that there must be some interest somewhere. If you do not want to spell it out, you do not have to, but I will spell it out categorically. There is some interest somewhere other than the interest of the small farmers being represented by the hon. member.

Mr. Horner: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. McBride: If he were convinced and wanted to show that he was most concerned about the small farmer in Canada, he would act accordingly. He would not be concerned about blocking the legislation presently before the House.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order, please.

Mr. Horner: Mr. Speaker, the House knows that last week and this week I have shown a preparedness to make progress on this legislation; but if Your Honour is going to allow the debate to degenerate into name calling and imputing motives to various members, I can assure Your Honour that the debate will become more difficult as this week and the month of January progresses. Very little progress is apt to be made in the passage of this legislation. Having said that, Mr. Speaker, I ask Your Honour to ask the hon. member, for whom I would like to retain some respect, to withdraw the remarks that he imputed to myself and to my actions in this House.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. As has been pointed out by the hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner), it is not in order to impute motives. It is as simple as that. It is not a matter of withdrawing words. As hon. members know, there is a distinction between withdrawing words which are unparliamentary—

Mr. Horner: Mr. Speaker,—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member asked me to intervene, and I am pleased to do so. What I am pointing out now is that the hon. member who has the floor has no right to impute motives. I am sure he will want to indicate that he is not imputing motives, as the hon. member for Crowfoot pointed out.

We will not make too much progress if we do not limit the debate to the motion before the House. The hon. member said the Speaker's job will become even more difficult. I hope that will not be the case; it is difficult enough. I invite the co-operation of all members, particularly the hon. member who has the floor, in limiting their contributions to what is before us, which is a very specific motion. I ask the hon. member to keep in mind that he has no right to impute motives to hon. members, either on his side or the other side of the House.

Mr. McBride: Mr. Speaker, what is before us is Bill C-176. It is an act to establish the national farm products marketing council and to authorize the establishment of national marketing agencies for farm products.