

*Business of the House***TRANSPORT****POSSIBLE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO TRUCKING INDUSTRY AS A RESULT OF FREIGHT RATE FREEZE—DATE OF DECISION**

Mr. Don Mazankowski (Vegreville): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Transport. Can the minister advise the House whether the government has reached a decision with respect to the payment of compensation to the trucking industry arising out of the rail freight rate freeze? On May 23, I asked the minister a question about this matter and he indicated then that the matter was going before cabinet. On June 4, he told the House the matter was on its way to the appropriate committee. Can he now tell us whether a decision has yet been reached with respect to this matter?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Things are going exactly as I expected at that time.

Mr. Mazankowski: Can the minister assure the House that this matter will be resolved before his departure from the portfolio of Transport which, I understand, is imminent—before the end of the summer?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Personally, I hope so.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Dinsdale: What is it you hope?

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AGRICULTURE**LEVY CHARGED ON MANUFACTURING MILK—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Frontenac-Lennox and Addington): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Agriculture or to his parliamentary secretary? It pertains to the additional levy to be charged against all manufacturing milk deliveries from Canadian dairy farmers on or after July 1. Does the government intend that dairy farmers should bear the cost of deficits created as a result of the government's inefficient marketing methods when dealing with powdered milk?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Acting Minister of Agriculture): I will take the question as notice, Mr. Speaker.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Baldwin: May I ask the government House leader what he has in mind for the business during this part of the session, and when does he propose to move the interesting motion standing in his name on the order paper?

[Mr. Marchand (Langelier).]

Mr. Sharp: The government is ready to continue sitting until Bill C-66 is completed. I believe that on all sides there is general agreement that it would be desirable to give us the authority to pay the refunds before the recess.

Mr. Baldwin: You have got it.

Mr. Sharp: The other piece of business with which we should like to make progress is Bill C-2. However, the government would be prepared to dispense with any further debate if we could get some sort of agreement as to the progress of that bill after we come back on October 14.

An hon. Member: No way!

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): That is precisely what you will not get.

Mr. Baldwin: May I, in my usual capacity as peacemaker, endeavour to direct a question to the government House leader in this regard, bearing in mind that there are still 18 amendments at the report stage to Bill C-2 and these amendments are the property of the House in general, not only of the hon. members who move them, and that there may be some time taken up by this debate. There is discussion going on at the present time which might involve some movement on the part of the government as well as on the part of the opposition, but I should like to be quite plain and I put this question bluntly to the government House leader: does he not realize that Bill C-66 is now in the delicate position where several acts of consent and unanimous approval will be required if discussion of it is to be completed by tomorrow, which seems to some of us to be not unreasonable—

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Order.

Mr. Baldwin:—provided the NDP, which fairly recently discovered this measure, agrees.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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Mr. Baldwin: Without in any sense reducing our capacity for a strong and sustained attack upon this iniquitous measure, it is physically possible for it to be completed by some time tomorrow night. But I think we would have to have some understanding that we are not going to come back to debate Bill C-2 at the beginning of next week. That is the situation, and I put it to the government House leader quite categorically, accompanying the statement that we are prepared to work together to preserve our right to secure certain modifications to Bill C-2 and that we will work with the government in that regard.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, on a point of order regarding the business of the House, I wonder whether I might put two questions to the government House leader. My first question relates to Bill C-66. In view of the statement made today by the minister's parliamentary secretary, that he knew a certain tax was going to come off because there was considerable opposition to it, does it not therefore follow, in view of the massive opposition to Bill C-66, that the minister is going to withdraw it?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!