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handling facilities, car-dumping facilities, truck-dumping facilities and improved loading facilities for either the rail cars or the trucks hauling from the elevators.

If these elevators were run around the clock, it could nearly touch their capacity for handling a tremendous volume of grain. There have been improvements at Prince Rupert, but further improvements could make that elevator even more efficient. However, it would cost millions of dollars. The hon. member himself has criticized us for spending too much money. Whoever takes over these elevators will have to spend millions of dollars, for instance, for dust-collecting equipment to make it safe for the workers.

Mr. Malone: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the minister could answer the specific question; that is, whether or not there was an actual study done and whether or not we, as members of parliament, can get that study. While he is on his feet, could the minister comment specifically on the capacity, or any studies relating to grain-drying and grain-cleaning prior to shipping to the coast?

Mr. Whelan: Mr. Speaker, I am sure that we have those studies and I am only too willing to give them to the hon. member. They may not be in as much detail as the hon. member would like, but we do know the volume at the scales, the input-output of grain, etc., and we do know the drying capacity of the elevators that have this facility. We will provide that for the hon. member.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

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PROCEDURE RESPECTING INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC BILLS ON ORDER PAPER

Mr. Speaker: The House will be aware that after a request that it be deferred for a few days, the draw for private members' bills was held at the end of last week. Again, I would like to refer to the House the practice which has been followed with regard to the introduction of all these bills in the past. As a result of that draw, there are listed on today's order paper approximately 241 bills standing in the names of various hon. members.

It is not practical or possible for the Chair to review the provisions of each of the bills. I, therefore, suggest that we follow the past practice, namely, that we proceed to the introduction and first reading of these bills en bloc so that each may be scrutinized, between now and the time that it is called individually for second reading, in order to allow the Chair to consider whether there are any defects in the bills with respect to the practices and usages of the House.

If we can proceed that way, by unanimous consent, all of the private members' public bills listed for introduction on today's

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order paper would be deemed to have been introduced, given first reading, ordered to be printed and be standing for second reading at the next sitting of the House, subject, as always, to a subsequent examination as to the procedural regularity of each bill. The House has heard the procedure that I have outlined. Is it agreed and so ordered?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

[English]

FIRST READINGS

Bill C-201, An Act to amend the National Transportation Act (review and re-hearing).—Mr. MacGuigan.

Bill C-202, An Act to amend the Criminal Law Amendment Act (No. 2), 1976 (punishment for murder).—Mr. Woolliams.

Bill C-203, An Act to amend the statute Law relating to income tax.—Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West).

Bill C-204, An Act respecting a Canadian Bill of Rights for Children—Mr. McGrath.

Bill C-205, An Act to amend the Export Development Act (mining business).—Mr. Rodriguez.

Bill C-206, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (hospital orders).—Mrs. Appolloni.

Bill C-207, An Act to amend the Divorce Act (living separate and apart).—Mr. Robinson.

Bill C-208, An Act to amend the Railway Act (ownership of land where railway line abandoned).—Mr. Whittaker.

Bill C-209, An Act to amend the Canada Elections Act respecting enumeration and other electoral procedures.—Mr. Siddon.

Bill C-210, An Act to establish the Canadian Solar Energy Institute.—Mr. Caccia.

Bill C-211, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (pornography).—Mr. Epp.

Bill C-212, An Act respecting the duration of every House of Commons.—Mr. Stewart (Cochrane).

Bill C-213, An Act to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1971.—Mr. Oberle.

Bill C-214, An Act to establish a Sunset Law for Canada.—Mr. Forrestall.

Bill C-215, An Act respecting war criminals in Canada.—Mr. Kaplan.

Bill C-216, An Act to amend the Criminal Code (punishment of certain offences).—Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich).

Bill C-217, An Act to amend the National Film Act.—Mr. Friesen.