

*Adjournment Debate*

impact on dairy production and on the decisions of producers.

Producers want to be satisfied that their output will remain stable so that they can make the investments required to keep a modern dairy business viable.

The government in fact acted to give them such an assurance. One of the dairy policy's objectives is precisely to ensure reasonable revenues to milk producers. Allow me to refer to some parts of the statement made by the Minister of Agriculture on April 18, 1975 before representatives of the dairy industry. At that time, Mr. Whelan announced a new readjustment formula for the price of milk, which provides for the readjustment of dairy producers' revenues. The formula accounts for both production costs and producer and family labour salary. It was

developed after a number of studies and discussions with all parties concerned.

In April 1974, the Canadian Dairy Commission was empowered to meet producers' associations to develop a program ensuring better production cost—producer price relationship. Later on, the commission held a series of valuable talks with industry representatives, and their propositions were retained in the new policy. Producers undertook with Canada to pay export costs, under a supply management program. To that end, we received propositions from industrial milk producers. We would like to protect Canadian producers from the highs and lows of the international market, and we shall study in detail any propositions we may receive.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.25 p.m.