

The Address—Mr. Baker

side. I think there has been a good relationship between the two governments on the staff side, but the relationship has not been as sound and as continuing as it might be on the policy side.

I put forward this suggestion, which I made in the first speech I delivered in this House, for the government to consider because I think it is important that, with respect to the long-range aims of both governments, firm consideration be given to it. I think it is also important that, being the largest land owner in the area, the federal government should understand that it does have a responsibility through the National Capital Commission, and perhaps through the Minister of Public Works, to ensure that the land use plans which are developed for federal lands, in the minds of federal planners, do not collide with the work of local municipalities. I hope that through this step there is machinery to bring that about.

● (1700)

The Ottawa area is one in which there is an opportunity; in fact, where it is not too late for us not to make the mistakes that have plagued other areas and the larger cities in Canada with respect to the tendency that has been demonstrated to pack more and more people into fewer and fewer acres of land. I join with the hon. member for Ontario (Mr. Cafik) in asking the government, over the long haul and in co-operation with the departments, to take a good look at the concept of development of centres of population around existing small towns which have at their root now the social and other amenities which are necessary for a reasonable life in an urban setting, rather than to continue the packing of a diminishing amount of land with larger and larger populations. This would involve the development of inter-urban transportation of a rather sophisticated nature. It would also improve the lifestyle of people not only in existing municipalities that are overcrowded, but perhaps existing municipalities on a smaller scale to which variety might be of benefit.

Now I want to speak about a problem that is close to you as well as to me, Mr. Speaker, and that is the problem facing eastern Ontario farmers today with respect to brucellosis which seems to have broken out in the county which you represent and the one which I represent. We must look at this problem very closely and we must have the courage to decide whether the government program with respect to it has worked. If it has not, we must admit it, and where it has not worked in respect of the individual farmer we must recognize the great difficulties placed upon him in a market where costs are high and returns small. He must be provided with compensation for animals that become more and more valuable, to the extent that compensation is less and less a consideration. Such a program would have to be developed in co-operation with provincial governments, but it is important that it be done because every herd that goes out of existence in the milk producing areas of eastern Ontario will not be replaced and our targets of food production will not be met.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you and hon. members of this House for the indulgence given me with regard to the clock. It is an honour for me to take part in this debate. In closing I wish to extend to you my best wishes and hope that you enjoyed the opportunity for rest provided by the recent recess of parliament.

[Mr. Baker.]

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Drury: Mr. Speaker, I would ask the unanimous consent of the House to revert to motions in order to propose a motion in relation to next week's business.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Is there agreement to revert to motions?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

REINTRODUCTION AND DISPOSITION OF BILLS, RENUMBERED C-5 AND C-6, RESPECTING CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS, AIR CANADA AND THE NATIONAL PARKS ACT

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, there have been negotiations through the usual channels, and I should like to propose a motion to give effect to the agreement announced in the House on January 11 whereby the CNR financing and guarantee bill and the national parks bill are to be restored at the report stage. In the case of the CNR bill there is attached to the motion the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor General. I would assume, in accordance with our procedures, that this recommendation will be printed in today's *Votes and Proceedings*.

[*Editor's Note: For recommendation referred to above, see today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

Mr. Drury: I move, seconded by the hon. member for Papineau (Mr. Ouellet):

That, notwithstanding the provisions of any Standing Order or practice of this House, the version of the bill intituled "an act to authorize the provision of moneys to meet certain capital expenditures of the Canadian National Railways system and Air Canada for the period from the 1st day of January, 1973, to the 30th day of June, 1974, and to authorize the guarantee by Her Majesty of certain securities to be issued by the Canadian National Railway company and certain debentures to be issued by Air Canada," as reported with amendments from the Standing Committee on Transportation and Communications during the first session of the twenty-ninth parliament, and the version of the bill intituled "an act to amend the National Parks Act", as reported with amendments from the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development during the first session of the twenty-ninth parliament, be deemed to have been introduced, read a first time, ordered to be printed, read a second time, referred to and reported from a standing committee, and that the said bills be ordered for consideration by the House at the report stage on or after March 8, 1974.

Mr. Baker: Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the opposition, we concur in the motion of the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Drury). It is agreeable to us.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Drury) is quite correct in his statement that there have been discussions leading to the presentation of this motion, and on behalf of the New Democratic Party I wish to indicate our agreement.