

Agricultural Stabilization Act

with the Province of Saskatchewan, the Province of Alberta, the Maritime provinces and the producers of Quebec.

You will notice, Mr. Speaker, that I said with the producers of Quebec. I said this because I think that the point of the producers in Quebec is being made more in this Chamber than it is at the provincial Government level. I think that that is a fair statement to make. Hon. Members from Quebec have been very vocal on this issue. They want the producers of Quebec to be heard. They want the people of Canada to know that they are being hit with that quota. They want the people to know that they have to post a bond every time they export to the United States.

An Hon. Member: Who caused the bond?

Mr. Baker: Who caused the bond? I can tell you what caused the bond on the hogs, Mr. Speaker, because I have examined the issue. It was caused by inaction by the Government of Canada when making representations to the United States Government and the President of the United States, as the Prime Minister stated he did. There was no formal representation made. If one was made, that does not say very much for the Government of Canada because the United States Government did not listen.

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Questions, comments. The Hon. Member for Montreal-Sainte-Marie.

Mr. Malépart: Mr. Speaker, my colleague for Papineau (Mr. Ouellet) mentioned earlier the excellent job done by our colleague Jean-Guy Dubois from Lotbinière.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recall that if—

[English]

Mr. Hawkes: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I think the speaker who has the floor has already spoken on this debate. The Hon. Member for Papineau (Mr. Ouellet) did not make a speech. He is not the Member being questioned.

[Translation]

Mr. Malépart: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): If I recognized you, it is because I wanted you to continue. I do not intend to reply to the argument of the Hon. Member for Calgary West (Mr. Hawkes).

Mr. Malépart: Mr. Speaker, I want to state emphatically that this bill would have never been passed if our colleague Mr. Lapointe, the former member for Beauce, had been here. My old colleague, Mr. Leduc, the former member for Richelieu, would have been up on his feet defending farm producers. If Mr. Gour, the former member for Argenteuil, had been here, he would have argued the case of the farm producers. If Mrs. Céline Hervieux-Payette, our former member for Montreal-Mercier had been here, she would not have been satisfied with free travel passes as a reward; she would have spoken in support of farmers and consumers. If

Mr. Campbell, the former member for the La Salle riding, had been here, he would have put up a defence for the farmers and consumers in his riding, instead of—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Order, please! The question and comment period has now expired.

[English]

Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: On division.

Motion agreed to and Bill read the third time and passed.

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BORROWING AUTHORITY ACT 1985-86 (No. 2)

MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed from Tuesday, June 25, 1985, consideration in committee of Bill C-51, an Act to provide Borrowing Authority—Miss MacDonald (for the Minister of State (Finance))—Mr. Charest in the chair.

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: Order. House again in Committee of the Whole on Bill C-51, an Act to provide borrowing authority.

[Translation]

When the committee suspended its sitting at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, the 25th of June 1985, it was dealing with Clause 2 of the bill and the amendment moved by the Hon. Member for Gander-Twillingate (Mr. Baker).

[English]

Shall Clause 2 carry?

On Clause 2—

Mr. Baker: Mr. Chairman, the amendment before the House was put forward by the Official Opposition, and it was a very important amendment. Because the Government of Canada wanted to remove three percentage points from the indexation of senior citizens' pensions, we as the Official Opposition demanded that the Government of Canada take a 3 per cent cut on its borrowing authority.

As we witnessed today, the Government finally relented, because of a number of things. First and foremost were the objections from senior citizens, and from all people, regardless of age, in the country. The Government also relented because it had a feeling that the Official Opposition would not permit it to have its borrowing authority unless it brought in closure. Then we would have debated that. That was the purpose of this particular amendment.