

Mr. Horner: I mean it. No work will be done before six o'clock unless the hon. member withdraws the remark he made. He imputes that I am working for vested interests, for the wealthy ranchers. I am in no way doing that and I want those remarks withdrawn.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order, please. I did not hear the remark which the hon. member wishes to have withdrawn, because I have been having a hard time hearing what has been said.

Mr. Horner: Mr. Speaker, on the same question of privilege—

Mr. McBride: Mr. Speaker, if I may say—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order, please. I did not hear or see any matter that could give rise to a question of privilege. The hon. member for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton.

Mr. Horner: Mr. Speaker, I am rising on a question of privilege.

Mr. McBride: Mr. Speaker, the main purpose of this bill is, of course, to make sure that the agricultural industry—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order, please. The hon. member for Crowfoot rises on a question of privilege.

Mr. Horner: Mr. Speaker, I well understand the difficulties that you may or may not have been under in hearing the hon. gentleman's remarks, which everybody else heard. I point out that they will show up in *Hansard*. The hon. member imputed motives to me and suggested that I have been working on behalf of my own vested interests and those of wealthy friends of mine in the cattle industry.

Mr. McGrath: Withdraw.

Mr. Horner: I assure both you, Mr. Speaker, and this House that I live in what I have often referred to as the desert of Alberta. Many families moved out of my neighbourhood in the dirty thirties because they could not make a living in the area. The area I represent consists of small, hard up farms in the driest part of Alberta, a part in which less than nine inches of rain falls in a year. We grub about for a living.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order, please—

Mr. McGrath: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. McBride: Mr. Speaker, the bill before us this afternoon—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order, please. The hon. member for St. John's East rises on a point of order.

Mr. McGrath: Mr. Speaker, I concur in what the hon. member said. I think the question of privilege raised by the hon. member for Crowfoot was well raised. The hon. member who spoke previously had no right to impute motives. That was exactly what he did and it was improper.

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order, please. I will settle the matter by saying that I did not hear or see anything that would give rise to a question of privilege. That is why I will again recognize the hon. member who has the floor.

Mr. Horner: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege.

Mr. McBride: Mr. Speaker, earlier this afternoon—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order, please. Will the hon. member please resume his seat. I remind hon. members again that the Chair is doing its best. The hon. member is rising on a question of privilege. The Chair heard nothing which might give rise to a question of privilege, but there was trouble hearing what was said as a result of the past few minutes. I wish the hon. member would not take advantage of the member who is presently speaking. The Chair will do its best. As the hon. member knows the rules, he will know that I have already—

• (5:10 p.m.)

An hon. Member: You said that before.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order. I already said that I did not hear any question of privilege raised.

Mr. Horner: I rise on a question of privilege.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): The hon. member for Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton.

Mr. McBride: The bill before us this afternoon is of extreme importance.

Mr. Horner: Mr. Speaker, this is a point of order.

Mr. McBride: We are used to having a certain amount of obstruction.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order. Will the hon. member resume his seat.

Mr. Horner: Your Honour may or may not have understood the intent of my first question of privilege. I recognize that Your Honour is trying very hard to master the full task of being a Speaker, but I never heard Your Honour ask the hon. member to withdraw those remarks. Naturally, that is your prerogative. If you did ask the hon. member and he has not withdrawn those remarks, then I say to him through Your Honour that he is a cheap s.o.b. that the United Church is welcome and glad to be without.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some hon. Members: Shame.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order.

Mr. Horner: I gave him plenty of opportunities to withdraw that remark. If he wants to indulge in name calling, he will get it right back.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order.

Mr. McBride: One of the advantages of being in a debate on a question like this is that the side you are on is clearly demonstrated.