

*Crop Insurance Act*

never received \$3.25 a bushel for wheat, not up until this year.

We have been asked for a stabilization program. I have had letters from the leaders of every responsible farm organization in this nation asking me to help initiate a program to stabilize agriculture, a program that will give them the same kind of security that everybody else has in every other walk of life who is productive in this nation. That is what these programs will do that we hope will result from the federal-provincial meeting we are going to have at the end of September. We will have a new crop insurance program that I hope includes every good suggestion that members of the House have made.

Some members have made very good suggestions about crop insurance. Others who have been very vocal have not made one suggestion. Since I have been Minister of Agriculture I have asked for suggestions from every one of these members. Every one of them had the right to make suggestions. By God, some of those who come from really good farm ridings in Canada have not made one suggestion. It is similar to what some people say about food costs, "We don't care what you do, but do something." Then when you do do something, they do not like it. Perhaps that is their right, but I ask them to be constructive.

**Mr. Towers:** A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Whelan:** As I have said, the suggestions—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. The hon. member for Red Deer (Mr. Towers) is rising on a point of order.

**Mr. Towers:** Mr. Speaker, my point of order is this. When suggestions were made to the minister, he did not accept them; and that is exactly why we did not want to pass the bill without a unanimous decision. We wanted to ask the minister specifically what he was going to do about the suggestions we had made.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** That is more a point for debate than a point of order.

**Mr. Whelan:** If the bill had come before the House when we asked for unanimous consent, I would have told hon.

members exactly what I am telling them now. There will be more proposals presented to the House later in the session in regard to the very matters I am talking about now. However, I must have the concurrence of certain parties in regard to a crop insurance program, principally the provinces. I must also have some input from the farm organizations. I have had some input from them already by way of certain resolutions they have passed.

These are all being considered and formulated and they will be presented along with other programs to make agriculture what all farmers in Canada are dreaming of, not something with which to gouge the public or that goes up and down like a yo-yo. This new program will be something that gives them stability. It was something that we presented to the House in principle over a year ago. I am not saying that it is perfect, but it is what was asked for in Charlottetown and what was asked for in Calgary, and it is what we are going to be presenting to them in September.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** If it is the will of the House, I shall put the question.

**Some hon. Members:** Question.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

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

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) rising on a point of order?

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. If we were to reach government business tomorrow, is there anyone present who can tell us what it will be?

**Mr. Lalonde:** Mr. Speaker, I understand the order tomorrow will be, first, second reading of the Canada Pension Plan amendments, followed by the amendments to the Parole Act.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. This House now stands adjourned until two o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

At 6.12 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.