

ments) from the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order with reference to the business now before the House. I trust it will expedite the report stage of Bill C-133. There are a number of amendments of ours on the order paper, and I would ask the House to agree that Nos. 3, 5, 9 and 11, dealing with a ceiling on interest rates, be called at the same time. As members will be aware when I speak on this matter, there is agreement between the government and this party in relation to these amendments. When amendment No. 3 is called, perhaps 5, 9 and 11 can be called at the same time, because although the programs are different, they deal basically with the same problem, the same ceiling, the same rate of interest. So we would be left with No. 1, then the block consisting of 3, 5, 9 and 11, and the last amendment of ours to be called which is No. 13 on the bottom of the list.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will hear from the minister, but this might be a complicated way of dealing with the matter. As hon. members know, it is customary under the Standing Order for the Chair to propose groupings to the House. This has now been done by the hon. member for Calgary North. We shall determine whether there is some way of getting together on the basis of the suggestion put forward on behalf of the Chair by the hon. member for Calgary North.

Mr. Basford: Mr. Speaker, I am quite agreeable to the course of action the hon. member for Calgary North suggests. I might add there are four other amendments moved by representatives of the New Democratic Party which might also be grouped together, namely, amendments 4, 6, 10 and 12. If hon. members are agreeable to that grouping, it would mean we would deal with the amendments in the following order: Nos. 1 and 2, Nos. 3, 5, 9 and 11 grouped together, Nos. 4, 6, 10 and 12 grouped together, then No. 7, No. 8 and No. 13.

Mr. Speaker: Essentially, the proposition which I was to submit to hon. members was that amendment No. 1 be considered first, then No. 2, then Nos. 3, 5, 9 and 11 as a group, Nos. 4, 6, 10 and 12 as a group, and that Nos. 7, 8 and 13 be considered individually or disposed of separately.

There might be a question when it comes to voting. Hon. members might like to make a suggestion as to the arrangements to be made in relation to possible divisions on any of these groups of amendments.

Mr. Baldwin: It would be eminently satisfactory, in the event the debate on the various amendments did terminate before the end of the day, to defer the votes, if any, until after orders of the day tomorrow.

Mr. Basford: Well, Mr. Speaker, it was my hope that we might deal with the amendments on the report stage today and begin third reading of the bill today. If the voting on the report stage were deferred until after orders of the day tomorrow the House would, of course, be precluded from proceeding to third reading today. Could I suggest that at the end of each amendment we defer a vote, if a vote is called for, until the end of the report stage, which I hope

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will be sometime later today, than vote on those amendments and afterwards proceed to third reading?

Mr. Broadbent: What the Minister of State for Urban Affairs has said is quite acceptable to us. I should like to return to the earlier discussion about the grouping of amendments. We are in entire agreement with the suggestion as to the grouping which is to be made. But I wonder whether the government House leader and the spokesman for the Official Opposition could not agree to a reversal of the voting order in relation to the two broad groupings, amendments 3, 5, 9 and 11 put forward by the Conservative party, and amendments 4, 6, 10 and 12 proposed by the New Democratic Party. There have been some discussions about this privately. The latter centre on the same principle but are somewhat broader in scope. I wonder, therefore, whether they could be moved first. I make this suggestion for the following reason: if they are defeated, for example, those of us who would perhaps like half a loaf if we cannot get the whole loaf would then be inclined to support the amendments proposed by the hon. member for Calgary North. But the reverse is not the case. So, if we could agree to put the amendments in that order, it would make more sense.

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Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, perhaps we are in a happier position than the New Democratic Party. I do not know what arrangements they may have but motions Nos. 3, 5, 9 and 11 will be very short and there will only be one speech. These are asking for a ceiling on interest rates. Basically, these amendments were approved by the committee. The new amendments merely change the wording, and the minister and I agreed to this after we had had some discussion with CMHC. I hope that we will get the co-operation of the New Democratic Party and that I can set out the reason for the agreement and the reason for these changes; I will be very short. Then we can go to motions 4, 6, 10 and 12; if there are any votes perhaps these could be deferred, and perhaps the vote on amendments 4, 6, 10 and 12 could be called first.

Mr. Speaker: The thought of the Chair is that normally we should start with a grouping that includes motion No. 3, which would mean that after the House had in one way or another disposed of motions 1 and 2, the next motion to be put to the House would be motion No. 3, which would carry with it consideration of motions 5, 9 and 11. I think it would be difficult, unless there were agreement between members of the House, to put motion No. 4 ahead of No. 3.

My suggestion to the House is that we proceed on this basis, that votes be deferred, and that in the meantime there be further consideration of this somewhat difficult matter. Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair will now read the motion standing in the name of the hon. member for Calgary North and, at the same time indicate, that the Chair has very serious reservations as to certain procedural aspects of the motion. The hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams), seconded by the hon. member for South Shore (Mr. Crouse) moves: