

Division

the big food chains charge the unfortunate, poor people higher prices than they charge people who live in the more affluent parts of the city.

It appears the reason for this sort of conduct is that the poor people living in the heart of Vancouver, or in the heart of Toronto or Montreal, do not have automobiles, or many do not, and consequently cannot compare prices charged by the different chains. As a result, the local store downtown charges what the market will bear and all too frequently prices are higher than prices charged elsewhere by other firms. This is what the motion asks us to investigate by setting up a special committee.

In the time I have left I should like to suggest that one of the reasons firms like Weston, Loblaws, Dominion stores, Safeway and Steinberg's are in their present position is that they have branched out into all sectors of the food processing industry. These firms are in the picture right from the time the seed is planted in the soil until the product is sold in the stores. They are in no sense of the word in a state of competition but, rather, are in a position of being able to impose their own price on the Canadian consumer.

May I again refer hon. members to a document called "The Grocery Store Storybook," put out by Professor G. B. Rush in 1972, which I shall be only too pleased to pass to hon. members who wish to examine it. Professor Rush documents with great care the conglomerate power of these enterprises. In the minute remaining may I deal with but one of these, the Weston corporation. I see you are about to rise, Mr. Speaker, but may I take another 30 seconds?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. It being 9.45 o'clock p.m., it is my duty, pursuant to section (9) of Standing Order 58, to interrupt these proceedings and forthwith put every question to dispose of the motion now before the House. The question is on the amendment of the hon. member for Calgary North (Mr. Woolliams). All those in favour of the amendment will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Call in the members.

The House divided on the amendment (Mr. Woolliams) which was negatived on the following division:

• (2150)

(Division No. 22)

YEAS

Messrs:

Alkenbrack
Barnett
Beaudoin

Bell
Benjamin
Broadbent

[Mr. Broadbent.]

Burton
Cadieu
Caouette
Crouse
Danforth
Dionne
Douglas
Fairweather
Flemming
Forrestall
Gilbert
Gleave
Grills
Harding
Horner
Howard (Skeena)
Knight
Knowles (Winnipeg
North Centre)
Knowles (Norfolk-
Haldimand)
Lambert
(Bellechasse)
Lambert
(Edmonton West)
Lewis
Lundrigan
MacInnis (Cape
Breton-East Richmond)

Messrs:

MacInnis (Mrs.)
MacKay
Macquarrie
McCleave
McCutcheon
McGrath
Marshall
Mather
Matte
Mazankowski
Nystrom
Orlikow
Peddle
Peters
Rodrigue
Rondeau
Rose
Rowland
Ryan
Schumacher
Stanfield
Thomas (Moncton)
Thompson (Red Deer)
Thomson
(Battleford-Kindersley)
Woolliams
Yewchuk—56.

NAYS

Messrs:

Badanai
Barrett
Basford
Béchar
Benson
Blair
Borrie
Boulanger
Breau
Buchanan
Caccia
Cafik
Chappell
Clermont
Cobbe
Comtois
Corbin
Corriveau
Cullen
Cyr
Danson
Davis
Deachman
De Bané
Drury
Dubé
Dupras
Éthier
Forget
Francis
Gendron
Gibson
Gillespie
Goode
Goyer
Gray
Groos
Guay (St. Boniface)
Guilbault

Haidasz
Hopkins
Howard
(Okanagan Boundary)
Hymmen
Isabelle
Jerome
Kaplan
Lachance
Laing
(Vancouver South)
Lajoie
Lang (Saskatoon-
Humboldt)
Langlois
Laniel
Leblanc (Laurier)
Lefebvre
Legault
Lessard (LaSalle)
L'Heureux
Macdonald (Rosedale)
MacEachen
MacGuigan
Mackasey
McBride
Mahoney
Marceau
Marchand
(Langelier)
Marchand
(Kamloops-Cariboo)
Munro
Olson
Otto
Ouellet
Pelletier
Penner
Pepin