

that my colleagues from western Canada have gone through for the last number of years.

Bill C-250 is intended to outlaw strikes by employees engaged in the handling, storage and transportation of grains. It also prohibits lockouts by employers of such employees. The bill would seek to accomplish the objectives by a blanket prohibition of the right to strike and the right to lock out. The collective bargaining issue in a dispute between unions and employers would be resolved through the appointment of an conciliation officer. The majority of the employees performing these functions are governed under the Canada Labour Code and are subject to the Public Service Staff Relations Act.

The framework for collective bargaining established by the Canada Labour Code is designed to encourage the resolution of disputes without work stoppages, and in the vast majority of cases collective agreements are, in fact, reached through the normal process of negotiations provided for by statute.

The government recognizes that an effective, efficient and reliable transportation system is critical to the maintenance of Canada's reputation as a dependable supplier of grain and will continue to assist labour and management in resolving the collective bargaining disputes. I also recognize, along with my colleague from Swift Current—Maple Creek—Assiniboia and also the member for Dauphin—Swan River, how important it is for them to be able to communicate and try to look and see if adjustments can be made in pieces of legislation.

Therefore I move:

That the motion be amended by deleting all the words after the word "that" and substituting the following therefor:

"Bill C-250, an act to amend the Canada Labour Code (grain handling), be not now read a second time but that the order be discharged and the bill withdrawn and the subject matter thereof be referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture."

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Debate?

An hon. member: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It is a debatable motion. The hon. member for Timmins—Chapleau.

Mr. Cid Samson (Timmins—Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, the NDP is not blocking it again.

Adjournment Debate

I have one minute to make a 10-minute argument and the members opposite do not want to hear it. They are afraid of something.

I do not profess to be an expert on grain handling but I do know a little bit about collective bargaining and what this bill is intended to do. Whether the members opposite want to admit it or not, this bill is the beginning of union busting, plain and simple.

We have worked for many years in this country to give workers rights, to give them the ability to bargain, and to receive fair return for a fair day's work. This bill contravenes all of those efforts.

I understand I have 20 seconds left, Mr. Speaker. If this bill had been introduced in the form of anti-scab legislation rather than in its present form, with its sole purpose being the outlawing of strikes and lock-outs, if there had been an incentive for the employers to sit at the bargaining table and come up with a solution prior to a strike, I think there would have been unanimous consent in this House to support it.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The time provided for the consideration of Private Members' Business has now expired. Pursuant to Standing Order 96(1) the order is dropped from the Order Paper.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

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[*Translation*]

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 38 deemed to have been moved.

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FORESTRY

Mr. Guy H. Arseneault (Restigouche—Chaleur): Mr. Speaker, on May 10 last I directed a question to the Minister of Forestry concerning the serious effects of the government's monetary policy on the forest industry. Here is one of the questions I asked, and I quote from page 11266 of *Hansard*:

Given the forestry minister's responsibility to protect the interests of the forest sector, and given the disastrous effects on that industry of the