

[Translation]

Mr. Roy: May I call it one o'clock, Mr. Speaker?

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Is the House disposed to call it one o'clock?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): The Hon. Member for Laval (Mr. Roy) has the floor.

Mr. Marcel Roy (Laval): Mr. Speaker, I consider it somewhat a privilege to be able to rise in the House today to deal with a legislation which will very significantly affect the future of Canadian farmers. Moreover, before coming to this place, I had been involved for 12 years in agriculture at both the private enterprise and co-operative levels. Thanks to my expertise, I feel I am in a position to understand both points of view, namely that of private enterprise as well as the view of the co-operative enterprise. I have been a member of Parliament for the past 15 years, and the remarks I have heard today remind me of the times—I think you were sitting on the Standing Committee on Agriculture then, Mr. Speaker—when we had to deal with the legislation establishing farm product marketing agencies. We hear again today the same whining we heard then while trying to set up farm product marketing agencies and to make sure farmers had stable incomes more in line with their production costs. The Tories' moaning is exactly the same as before, as you can ascertain from reading the official record of the times. Even after 13 years, they are raising the same issues.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order, please. It being one o'clock, I do now leave the Chair until 2 p.m.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

S.O. 21

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[Translation]

MUNICIPAL GRANTS ACT, 1980

OPPORTUNITY TO REASSESS EXCEPTIONS AND TO AMEND LEGISLATION

Mr. Gaston Gourde (Lévis): Madam Speaker, I should like to draw the attention of the House on a Bill passed in the early days of the session. I refer to Bill C-4 respecting grants to municipalities in lieu of taxes. Since 1980, the Government of Canada has been discharging its obligations as a taxpayer like all other citizens in Quebec. However, there are some exceptions to that legislation which, in my opinion, should be changed. Indeed, not subjected to that legislation and thus excluded from the accounts for the grant purposes are some fixed assets such as jetties, breakwaters and drydocks. Recently, the City of Lauzon has advised me that the exclusion of drydocks alone was reducing the cash taxable value by \$20 million and that the Government of Canada was establishing its grants on a basis of \$2 million instead of \$22 million. We think, Madam Speaker, that this real property should not be excluded and that the legislation should be amended accordingly. I tabled a Notice of Motion asking the Government to consider the opportunity of amending the legislation in order to satisfy several municipalities. We should also take that opportunity to reassess all the exclusions to the legislation and consult the organizations involved such as the Union des municipalités.

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[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SUPPORT URGED FOR FRIENDSHIP AND CO-OPERATION WITH UNITED STATES

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Madam Speaker, it is high time that the people in Government recognize that if you live in a glass house you should not throw stones.

To the south of us exists a powerful and democratic society known as the United States of America. This country is undisputedly one of the greatest countries in the world. Yet more abuse is heaped upon the leaders of this country than is their due. There exist groups and individuals in Canada who condemn all aspects of United States' foreign policy and its stand on defence requirements, without offering reasonable alternatives.

Any positive action taken by the American leaders to ensure security of the North American continent is greeted by such groups as being somehow evil and subversive. These groups fail to realize that the Soviet Union is a very real and threatening power which does not share their humanitarian concerns.

All this would be more tolerable if we did not have a Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) who denounced the President of the United States as being warlike. He seems to enjoy alienating