

Western Grain Transportation Act

Mr. Benjamin: More switches than the railways have.

Mr. de Jong: Indeed, I think he is quite right. On the one hand, the Conservatives in the committee were outraged. They wanted to change the situation and ensure that the title would not be switched to the Minister of Transport. However, from what we understand today, and interpret their remarks to be, they are quite prepared to see the title of these cars being transferred to the Minister of Transport. I am surprised that those Members, particularly the ones from Saskatchewan who should be protecting the role of the Canadian Wheat Board together with us, are quite willing to see the Canadian Wheat Board's role being diminished. If that is their position and the deal which they had to make in their own caucus at least to get the unified front, they should have the courage to stand in the

House and be honest with us and to say exactly what their position is in terms of the Canadian Wheat Board.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member's time has expired.

Mr. Gurbin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I think it is appropriate that tonight, just prior to twelve o'clock, the House recognized, along with other Canadians, that while we have been sitting for 13 hours now we are just coming to the end of Halloween day, which many Canadians have observed. I think the Chair might find some sympathy in the House if we agree to seek unanimous consent to waive notice to have pumpkins included in the preferential rates under the Crowsnest Pass Agreement.

[*Editor's Note: For continuation of proceedings see Part II.*]
