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ever, the incorporators want it that way and it is their problem. I am glad I do not have to support it.

With regard to this bank, subject to the requirements of the Bank Act, the provisional directors and the organizers of the bank will have to endeavour to convince the public that it will be worth while investing in their shares and that they will meet all the necessary requirements. I hope we will not have any difficulty with funds that are advanced by prospective shareholders should the matter not come to fruition, as was the case with the Bank of Western Canada. I do not think Canada can really stand one more of those.

However, if the provisional directors of this concern are able to get together a satisfactory management team, men who will be skilled in the business of banking—and that is not something that is picked up from textbooks or from reading newspapers; it requires many years of downright hard experience and courage—I hope that it will prosper. I will not say any more about what I feel with regard to the bank, but I hope they are able to make a go of it on the basis of a business unadorned by the peripheral considerations that may have entered into the discussions during the promotion of this bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

Mr. Grant Deachman (Vancouver Quadra): Mr. Speaker, I believe there is disposition among hon. members to take up item No. 17 on page 7 of today's order paper, the motion standing in the name of the hon. member for Regina East (Mr. Burton).

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I wonder if I may confirm what has been said by the hon. member for Vancouver Quadra (Mr. Deachman) and add a word to it. Your Honour will note from the order paper that this item has had 57 minutes of debate, which means that there could be another 43 minutes, following which it is our intention to ask for a recorded vote.

• (1710)

I think you will find there is agreement among the parties that, if Your Honour is prepared to do so, you can consider we have now had the hour and a half of debate provided in the rules, so that there can be two speeches, a five minute reply from the government side, which I understand will be made by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance, after which the mover of the motion would like to take his final five minutes and then we could have the vote.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. Is the hon. parliamentary secretary speaking to the point of order?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: If the hon. parliamentary secretary will excuse me for a moment, the Chair will ask if there is consent to the procedure outlined by the hon. member for Vancouver Quadra (Mr. Deachman) as well as the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), and perhaps we should add that prior motions be permitted to stand and reserve their place. Is it agreed?

[Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West).]

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It is so ordered.

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NATIONAL PARKS

SASKATCHEWAN—REQUEST FOR DESCRIPTION OF AREA NEAR VAL MARIE-KILLDEER TO BE INCLUDED IN PROPOSED PARK

The House resumed, from Thursday, March 9, consideration of the motion of Mr. Burton:

That an order of the House do issue for a copy of a description of the area which the federal government would like to see incorporated in the proposed second national park in Saskatchewan to be situated in the Val Marie-Killdeer area.

Mr. Judd Buchanan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, this government's aim is to create, with the co-operation of the government of the province of Saskatchewan, a new national park in the short grass prairie area in the southern part of that province. Negotiations are continuing between the Minister of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Chrétien) and the Minister of Natural Resources of the province of Saskatchewan. The channels of communication are open, but there are still several questions to be resolved before agreement is reached. In all negotiations with provincial governments concerning the establishment of national parks, it is the responsibility of the provincial government, once agreement has been reached on all aspects of creation of the park, to acquire and transfer the lands within the agreed boundary, whether they be provincial Crown lands or private lands, to the federal government for national park purposes.

Agreement on precise boundaries for this proposed park has not been reached. The delineation of boundaries is only one aspect of negotiations concerning the creation of a national park. Resource potential, natural features and possible effects on persons living and working in or near the proposed park area must all be considered together and by the two governments.

The release of information about one aspect of the present negotiations could seriously prejudice the possible outcome as it would be a breach of confidentiality always maintained in negotiations of this nature. This is even more important as the province is responsible for the eventual transfer of lands in general. Before a provincial government agrees to a precise boundary and transfers land for the purpose of a national park, it will decide upon its own priorities between various possible uses of the land. Boundaries considered in negotiations between the federal government and a provincial government are assessed in the light of these provincial priorities and therefore the feeling is that the federal government cannot unilaterally at this point disclose details of these negotiations.

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, I listened very carefully to the remarks of the hon. Parliamentary