

Proceedings on Adjournment Motion

an increase in the level of initial payments on barley for the 1971-72 crop year.

It should also be noted that the government has introduced a two-price wheat program payment under which payments amounting to approximately \$57 million have already gone out to grain producers in western Canada and the balance of which will be distributed to other wheat producers in the near future. The government is most concerned with shielding producers from the fluctuations which occur from time to time in the marketplace. It has already expressed its intent to develop the grain receipts stabilization plan which would take account of the downward swing in prices which occur in periods of world oversupply. Such a scheme offers the best protection to producers against depressed prices.

Additionally, the government is keen to achieve co-operation in international grain marketing in order to effect a level of prices which reflects a fair return to producers. Again, the government has established a market development fund of up to \$10 million, the major portion of which will be directed toward the expansion of markets for Canadian grain. Finally—and I do not want to enter into an argument with my hon. friend—grain exports were at a record level for the 1970-71 crop year and there is every indication that this level will be exceeded for the current crop year.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Boulanger): Order, please. The motion before the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.30 p.m.
