

Farm Credit Act

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio): Yes, Mr. Speaker; the Canadian Wheat Board is giving priority to the moving of damp grain. This has been indicated several times before in *Hansard*. This does not apply to tough grain because of the quantity of damp grain which exists. There is a special quota in existence regarding the seeds to which the hon. member referred. These therefore are being given priority as well.

[Translation]

BRIDGES**CHAMPLAIN BRIDGE, MONTREAL—REMOVAL OF TOLLS**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. Leonel Beaudoin (Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the hon. Minister of Transport but, since he is absent, I shall put it to the right hon. Prime Minister.

In view of the representations made by the Chambers of Commerce and by several intermediate bodies, from the eastern townships in particular, as well as the statements made by the Quebec government concerning the abolition of tolls on the eastern townships speedway, does the government or the Minister of Transport intend to abolish tolls on the Champlain bridge, which leads to the eastern townships autoroute?

Mr. Speaker: Order. The question asked by the hon. member could easily be put on the order paper.

[English]

FARM CREDIT ACT**AMENDMENT RESPECTING ELIGIBLE CLASSES, AMOUNT OF CAPITAL, INTEREST RATES, ETC.**

The house resumed, from Tuesday, October 29, consideration in committee of Bill No. C-110, to amend the Farm Credit Act—Mr. Olson—Mr. Béchard in the chair.

The Deputy Chairman: When the committee rose on Tuesday, October 29, clause 6 of the bill with an amendment proposed by the hon. member for Crowfoot was under consideration.

On clause 6—*Agreement re loans to Indians on reserves.*

Mr. Olson: Mr. Chairman, when the committee rose last night we were discussing clause 6 which contains amendments to the Farm Credit Act to make provision for Indians who are farming on reserves to make use of the services provided by the Farm Credit Corporation.

[Mr. Gleave.]

The Deputy Chairman: Order. May we have a little order in the committee, please.

Mr. Olson: I think there may have been some misunderstanding about the provisions of the entire clause because certainly it was designed in such a way that it would make the services of the Farm Credit Corporation available to the Indians, to corporations on Indian reservations and indeed to a band in the same way as they are available to any other citizens of Canada. There may have been some misunderstanding about that.

Based on the representations that were made last night, particularly by the hon. member for Kamloops-Cariboo, I am prepared to consider an amendment that has just been brought in which would further clarify the provisions contained in that clause. I wonder, therefore, whether I might ask that clause 6 stand for a few moments while we give consideration to this matter. Then we could return to this clause and perhaps suggest an amendment which I could have one of my colleagues move.

The Deputy Chairman: Does the committee agree that clause 6 stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Clause stands.

Clause 7 agreed to.

On clause 8—*Regulations respecting interest.*

Mr. Horner: Mr. Chairman, on clause 8—

The Deputy Chairman: Order. Might we have a little order in the committee, please, so that we can hear the hon. member for Crowfoot.

Mr. Horner: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will attempt to make myself heard. A particular point is at stake in respect of clause 8. I should like members of the committee to consider this very carefully. In clause 8 there is a change from the existing act. The expression "family farm corporation" is being changed to "farm corporation", or corporate farming. In essence the family farm is being replaced by corporate farming. This is a very grave amendment. I hope that every member of the committee will attempt to understand its full meaning and intent, because the minister assured us that in fact 51 per cent of the shareholders of a corporation would have to be actively engaged in the farming industry. Nowhere in the bill is there such a suggestion. In fact, in clause 11 there is an indication that as long as one single member of the