

Adjournment Debate

Amongst the problems mentioned by the Food Prices Review Board is that of production, total demand and the increase in the cost of production.

Some of these problems are the competition of other crops in sugar beet and sugar cane producing countries, a change in the membership of the European Economic Community, amendments to the international agreement on sugar and the challenge in the United States Congress of the American agreement on sugar.

The government has already made changes to the sugar rate structure, but when considering new changes, we must give our approval to some countries like Australia.

The Minister of Agriculture still believes that sugar beets can be grown in Ontario, and as in other parts of the world there is strong competition, on a cost-benefit basis, from other products such as wheat and soybeans.

All these crops vie for available lands. Even in western Canada, there exists sugar beet refineries.

To conclude, Mr. Speaker, I wish to assure the hon. member that it is an important issue and as the minister said in his answer, he hopes to produce a report once his colleagues have considered his suggestions.

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The motion to adjourn this House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

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