Mr. Speaker: When shall the said bill be read the second time? At the next sitting of the House?

Some hon. Members: Now.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Thompson: Who said "no"?

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the suggestion made by the hon. member for Red Deer that this bill be moved to the top of the order paper. This would require the unanimous consent of the House.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is no such consent. Therefore this bill will be read the second time in due course at the next sitting of the House.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

AGRICULTURE

INTERPROVINCIAL MARKETING OF POULTRY PRODUCTS—ACTION OF PROVINCIAL BOARDS

Mr. Rod Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave, seconded by the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters), to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely, the action of provincial marketing boards in closing their traditional markets to poultry products from other provinces which has resulted in serious dislocation in the movement and the prices of such products and calls for immediate attention by this Parliament.

Mr. Speaker: As the hon. member and all hon. members know, one of the factors which has to be taken into account by the Chair in determining whether a motion can be put to the House under the terms of Standing Order 26 is the possibility or probability that the matter may be debated by the House within a reasonable time. We are now on the Throne Speech debate. There was an opportunity yesterday, there is an opportunity today, and there will be an occasion tomorrow for hon. members to debate and consider the subject matter raised by the hon. member for Battleford-Kindersley. In the circumstances I am sure the hon. member will understand and agree that the motion cannot be put at this time.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PROPOSED PROTOCOL ON PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS—CANADIAN REPRESENTATIONS—DISCUSSION OF TERMS PRIOR TO SIGNING

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the participation by Canadian officials in the preparation of a protocol on psychotropic drugs, would the minister undertake to make a statement at a very early date outlining the representations being made by Canadian officials in connection with this protocol? I think this is especially important because it has been our understanding that the Canadian government was reserving its views on this question until after the Le Dain Commission had reported.

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have been discussing this matter with my colleague, the Minister of National Health and Welfare, and either he or I will make a statement.

Mr. Stanfield: Will the minister also indicate whether the government of Canada is making any requests that the final draft of this protocol be postponed until after the government has received the Le Dain Commission report and has had an opportunity to consider it?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, this point of view obviously is one that is very important and I thank the Leader of the Opposition for his suggestion.

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the minister to assure the House that before the government will consider signing the protocol, if and when it is passed, the House will receive a report on what is included in the protocol and have an opportunity to discuss its terms?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, depending upon the nature of these international agreements, sometimes the House is invited to express its views and at other times it is not considered worthy of being placed on the agenda because of other more pressing matters, but I will certainly take this suggestion into account when we are reaching a decision on whether to bring this matter before the House. Of course, as the hon. member knows, the government can sign the protocol or ratify the agreement without the concurrence of the House.

Mr. Orlikow: In view of the fact that the government has already appointed a commission to study the whole question of the use of drugs in Canada and their effects, would the minister not agree, even though the government has the right, that before it signs such an agreement or protocol the House should have an opportunity to discuss the implications?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member's supplementary question is an argument and not really a question.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, would the Secretary of State for External Affairs give an assurance that the government of Canada would not sign any protocol before it announces its own policy in Canada with respect to drugs?

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I am examining with my colleague the inter-relationship between this international agreement and the studies that are under way in Canada as to the form of our legislation. I am sure the