Introduction of Bills

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

CANADA POST CORPORATION ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Murray Dorin (Edmonton West) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-241, an Act to amend the Canada Post Corporation Act (exclusive privilege).

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the said Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Dorin: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of this Bill is to allow private sector competition with the Post Office by removing the exclusive privilege to deliver mail that the Corporation presently has. For example, it would allow utility companies the right to deliver their own bills, if they so choose.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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COMBINES INVESTIGATION ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-242, an Act to amend the Combines Investigation Act (loss leadering).

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Rodriguez: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of the Bill is to prohibit the retail sale of a food product in a food store at a price lower than the production cost incurred by the seller of the product. We find that this has been used as a predatory pricing practice and that once the monopoly has been established on the market, the price for the product simply zooms up.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

EXPORT AND IMPORT PERMITS ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-243, an Act to amend the Export and Import Permits Act (apparel industry).

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Heap: Mr. Speaker, it gives me pleasure to introduce this Bill which would undertake to regulate the import of manufactured clothing into Canada in such as way as to encourage Canadian domestic production by relating importation to the volume of production. I hope to have an opportunity to speak on it soon.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

CANADA LABOUR CODE

MEASURE TO AMEND

Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current—Maple Creek) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-244, an Act to amend the Canada Labour Code (grain handling).

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Wilson (Swift Current—Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, the international agricultural subsidy wars have given Canadian grain producers enough to worry about without domestic problems such as last year's grain handling and ports disputes exacerbating their situation.

The Bill would curtail work stoppages by grain handlers and those involved in the transportation of grain from the farm gate to the port. Instead of prolonged walk-outs, a mechanism for resolution would be immediately implemented thereby avoiding such work stoppages.

I urge Hon. Members to support this initiative.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.