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and the provinces instead of this arbitrary and unfair action being taken.

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Chairman, I am always about to forgo asking any questions until I hear the Liberal backbenchers heckling. We can facilitate the passage of this bill if the committee will only listen for a moment or two. I wish to ask the minister one or two questions. I think I know the answers. However, I want to be very clear and to have this on the record.

In Saskatchewan there is the Saskatchewan Power Corporation. It is a publicly owned utility that provides electricity to the people of Saskatchewan. It purchases gas at the lowest possible price and sells to the consumers in the province at the lowest possible price. It is trying to give a service to the people of Saskatchewan.

Is there any way the minister can interpret this legislation to say that the Saskatchewan Power Corporation is not selling gas to the Saskatchewan consumer at a high enough price, or is not selling it at the fair market value? It buys the gas at low cost and sells it to Saskatchewan consumers at low cost. That might be below the fair market value on the free market under this legislation. Would the gas the Saskatchewan Power Corporation purchased be deemed to have been purchased at a higher price than the price for which the Corporation was selling it?

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Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): The answer is no. The Saskatchewan government is satisfied that the Saskatchewan Power Corporation would not be adversely affected by this legislation as amended.

Mr. Nystrom: That is the assurance I wanted. Amendment (Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton)) agreed to. Clause 37, as amended, agreed to. Clause 43.1 agreed to. Clause 80, as amended, agreed to.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall the title carry?

Mr. Fairweather: On division. Title agreed to on division.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall the bill carry?

Some hon. Members: On division. Bill reported.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): When shall the bill be read the third time? Now?

Some hon. Members: Now!

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): No!

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton), seconded by Mr. Jamieson, moves that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[Mr. Symes.]

Mr. Baldwin: On a point of order, Madam Speaker, there is no bill before us. The bill has not yet been reprinted.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): The point has been well made. Many amendments have been made to this bill. It has to be reprinted before it can be given third reading.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): When shall the bill be read the third time? At the next sitting of the House?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: At the end of April.

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NATIONAL HOUSING ACT**AMENDMENTS TO AMOUNT OF INSURED LOANS, TO INCREASE CAPITAL OF CORPORATIONS, ETC.**

The House resumed, from Wednesday, January 29, 1975, consideration of the motion of Mr. Danson that Bill C-46, to amend the National Housing Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs.

Mr. Danson: Madam Speaker, I thought other hon. members would like to speak on this bill before it is passed, but I should like to rise at this time because I am sure that everyone appreciates the urgency—

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre on a point of order.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): The point is that the minister cannot speak now.

An hon. Member: Nobody else got up.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): He cannot speak now unless the Chair informs the House that by so doing he will close the debate. And that has not happened.

Mr. Epp: Wake up over there!

Mr. Danson: I suggested that if anybody else wanted to speak—

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Is the minister rising on a point of order?

Mr. Danson: I would have risen on a point of order but there was so much noise that I could not have made myself heard. I rose to speak because I did not see anyone else rising. I thought that everyone recognized the excellence, the urgency of and the need for this legislation.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): I must advise the House that if the hon. minister speaks at this time he will close the debate.

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Madam Speaker, I rose to speak on the bill but the minister rose first. It comes as a great surprise to me, and I am sure to