

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to and debate adjourned.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): It being six o'clock, under the provisions of Standing Order 26 this House stands adjourned, to resume at eight o'clock tonight. Accordingly I do now leave the chair until eight p.m.

At six o'clock the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 8 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

[Translation]

LABOUR CONDITIONS

LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE—EFFECT ON FEED GRAIN SUPPLIES

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Order, please. The hon. member for Bellechasse (Mr. Lambert) has leave to move the adjournment of the House under the provisions of Standing Order 26, for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, that is the longshoremen's strike in the ports of Quebec City, Trois-Rivières and Montreal, which is preventing feed mills from getting their normal feed grain supplies in order to meet the feeding needs of the livestock, thus threatening the lives of thousands of farm animals.

Therefore the motion is as follows:

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse), seconded by Mr. La Salle (Joliette), moved:

That this House do now adjourn.

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Madam Speaker, I must first of all—

Mr. Ethier: I rise on a point of order, Madam Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): I apologize to the hon. member for Bellechasse. The hon. member for Gleggarry-Prescott-Russell (Mr. Ethier) rises on a point of order.

Mr. Ethier: Madam Speaker, I should like to point out that only one Social Creditor was there to launch the debate on this very important issue.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Order, please. I am sorry, the hon. member knows that this is not a point of order.

The hon. member for Bellechasse may continue.

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Madam Speaker, I must first of all thank my hon. colleagues—

Feed Grain

[English]

Mr. Fraser: On a point of order, Madam Speaker, although there are more Quebec members on the Liberal side than on the Cr ditiste side, it was a Cr ditiste member who moved the motion tonight.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Order, please. Again, this is a point of debate.

Mr. Lefebvre: On a point of order, Madam Speaker, I remind the hon. member that this is not merely a Quebec question, it is a national question and where you come from does not matter.

Mr. Fraser: Madam Speaker—

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member would like to make his point when it is his turn to enter the debate.

[Translation]

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Madam Speaker, first I should like to say in answer to the point of order raised by the government member that I am quite sorry to note that in such serious circumstances, one would pass the time rising on points of order merely for the sake of the matter.

An hon. Member: Such dirty politics!

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): If we pointed out the absence of some members each time they are not at their place, we would have fun doing it.

An hon. Member: We could start right now, if you like.

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Anyhow, the sitting was to resume at 8 o'clock. I was here and I noted that many members were ready to support my motion and I gratefully thank them, especially the member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) and the member for Joliette (Mr. La Salle). This shows that the opposition at least is unanimously ready to consider a very serious matter and help the government to find solutions and correct a situation before it grows worse.

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First of all I wish to thank the Chair for accepting my motion and allowing this debate on a very serious problem, which will hopefully help me to get to the bottom of the matter and find solutions more quickly. I wish also to thank my colleagues in the House for accepting the ruling of the Chair. Even though it is Hockey Night in Canada this evening, our national sport, they realized that we must look into the problems of Canada first and enjoy ourselves later. That is why I am grateful to them. So, Parliament is at work even on a Wednesday evening, which I hope will be appreciated by the Canadian people.

I had moved a similar motion on April 9, but the Chair ruled it out of order, while urging me to keep an eye on new developments. I was told that if the situation deteriorated, I might have the opportunity to raise this matter again. Since the situation has indeed deteriorated, I have deemed it my duty to raise it again today. I am glad that an hon. member from another opposition party, namely the hon. member for Joliette, also felt that this matter