

S.O. 29

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[Translation]

**Mr. Lewis:** Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the remaining questions stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Before going to Motions for Papers, I am in receipt of two applications under Standing Order 29. I am prepared to deal with them in the order in which they were received although they are similar.

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### MOTIONS TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 29

#### GRAIN PRICING—DECISION BY MINISTER

**Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa):** Mr. Speaker, as Your Honour knows, earlier today I sent you notice of my intention to move, under the provisions of Standing Order 29, a motion for an emergency debate, if you should decide that the circumstances cited in my notice warrant that conclusion.

Briefly stated, my reasons for making this appeal are as follows: Yesterday, the Minister responsible for the Wheat Board (Mr. Mayer) made a decision affecting the pricing of grain in Canada which will take some \$1 billion out of the income of prairie farmers. This is coming on top of a situation in which 40,000 farmers are already on the verge of bankruptcy. Such circumstances are leading to a virtually zero income for prairie farmers this year. Our conclusion from this is that if anything constitutes the grounds for an emergency debate, this is it.

#### GRAIN—LOWER WORLD PRICES

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg—Fort Garry):** Mr. Speaker, as you know, we have also given to you notice of a similar motion that we believe demands an emergency debate.

The reasons we have put forward include not only the severe economic impact this matter would have upon the farming community, but the failure of the Government to come to grips with this situation with the United States administration to work out a reasonable solution allowing a proper agreement among the export-producing countries to resolve the problem of increasingly lower grain prices around the world and therefore the threat of major bankruptcies in the western Canadian farm economy.

● (1510)

Sir, we hope you will consider this motion a matter of deep urgency which requires immediate action.

**Mr. Speaker:** Both the Hon. Member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent) and the Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Fort Garry

(Mr. Axworthy) gave me the required notice of their applications for an emergency debate under Standing Order 29. Since they in effect deal with the same subject, I propose to rule on them together.

The House will know that the Special Committee on Reform of the House of Commons, and the Government in its response to that report, had something substantial to say concerning the Speaker's role in exercising the responsibilities of the Chair under Standing Order 29 and what the Chair should or should not say with regard to applications. Therefore, I am not yet persuaded that the circumstances set out by the Hon. Members in their applications establish the existence of a genuine emergency calling for immediate debate, as envisaged by the Standing Order. In my view, therefore, the applications do not meet the requirements of the Standing Order and I must rule accordingly.

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[Translation]

### MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

**Mr. Doug Lewis (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I ask that all notices of motions for the production of papers be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall all notices of motions for the production of papers stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall all notices of motions for the production of papers stand?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

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## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

### COMPETITION TRIBUNAL ACT

#### MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed from Tuesday, April 8, consideration of the motion of Mr. Côté (Langelier) that Bill C-91, an Act to establish the Competition Tribunal and to amend the Combines Investigation Act and the Bank Act and other Acts in consequence thereof, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

**Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I decided to participate in the debate today because we on this side of the House, in this quarter of the House, are concerned with the increasing concentration of corporate power in Canada. We relate that concern to the provisions of