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elephant in Canada. I do not know why. Perhaps white elephants come in twins. However, the fact is that Pickering is not necessarily dead. If the government, heaven forbid, were ever re-elected and it felt it could get away with it, it might try to build that Pickering monstrosity. If that is so, I think we in this House should be most reluctant to give any minister, particularly this minister, the power to mistreat property owners. That could happen if this provision to which I have referred is passed, namely, Clause 6 of Bill C-40.

I know others may want to speak further on this bill, if not in this House, certainly in the committee. However, I would like to make two points in summary concerning Bill C-40. The first is that we would not need a user pay concept if the government would simply run its airports more efficiently. Second, we do not need to give any minister, particularly this minister, the power to walk over local land owners with respect to airport activities or even worse airport site activities. It must be resisted and I hope hon. members both in committee and in this House will resist this extension of power for a minister who is as irresponsible as the minister who has brought in this bill.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

An hon. Member: On division.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications.

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FARM IMPROVEMENT LOANS ACT**AMENDMENT TO INCREASE LOANS TO \$75,000 FOR IMPROVEMENT OF FARMS, BUSINESSES OR FISHERIES**

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-48, to amend the Farm Improvement Loans Act, the Small Businesses Loans Act and the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, before we move to third reading of this bill, I would like to ask for unanimous consent to move an amendment. There were discussions regarding this bill at the committee stage just last Friday, and the principle of this amendment was agreed to by the Minister of State (Small Business) (Mr. Marchand). It was indicated that an amendment in this form could be brought forward at report stage. However, because this bill came to this House at such a fast pace, we did not have 24 hours to give notice of this amendment. I therefore ask hon. members for unanimous consent to move this amendment at this time.

[Mr. Stevens.]

Mr. Marchand: Mr. Speaker, we agree with this. We have had discussions, and in the spirit of co-operation we want to allow this amendment to be proposed so that the hon. member can be given some time to discuss it.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, we are happy to join in making it unanimous that the hon. member have the right to introduce his amendment at the report stage, even though he did not give notice on Friday.

[Translation]

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, given the tactfulness with which the hon. member informed us of his problems, we thus agreed unanimously that he may move his amendment.

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Representatives from each party have indicated consent, but I should also ask the House generally if there is unanimous consent to allow the hon. member to present his motion without the normal notice of 24 hours.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley) moved:

That Bill C-48 be amended in Clause 4 by striking out lines 23 to 33 inclusive at page 2 thereof and substituting the following therefor:

"small business enterprise" means a business enterprise

(a) the estimated gross revenue of which as stated in an application for a business improvement loan did not, for the fiscal period of the business enterprise in which the application was made, or, in the case of a business enterprise about to be carried on, will not for its first fiscal period that is of not less than fifty-two weeks' duration exceed \$1,500,000; and

(b) the business is not part of an association comprised of itself and one or more other businesses in the said fiscal period in which the estimated gross revenue of the association of businesses exceeds \$1,500,000."

and that Clause 4 be further amended by adding thereto:

"4.1 The said Act is amended in section 2 thereof, by adding thereto:

" "association" means an arrangement of businesses whereby the separate existence of those businesses is not solely for the purpose of carrying out the business of those businesses in the most effective manner and one of the main reasons for such separate existence is to reduce the estimated gross revenue, within the meaning of this Act." "

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Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I may ask if copies of this amendment are available and, if so, could they be distributed to those who are here?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: We will see how soon we can fulfil this request. That is why I read the full amendment. We have copies available to leaders of parties, or hon. members can ask for them. Perhaps hon. members will allow us an extra minute to make them available to all members.

Mr. Jelinek: First, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank hon. members for giving unanimous consent to allow me to present the amendment at this time. Secondly, let me say that I have passed along copies of these amendments to the various House leaders and we are now in the process of distributing further copies to other hon. members who are interested.