

and the Member of Parliament for Lotbinière, or anyone acting on his behalf.

**Mr. Cooper:** There was no correspondence or communications on the issue of Bill C-79 between the Privy Council Office and the member of Parliament for Lotbinière.

As for any communications between the Prime Minister, the Prime Minister's Office, cabinet ministers and the member of Parliament for Lotbinière, it is not the policy of the government to divulge communications between members of Parliament and ministers.

I therefore ask the hon. member to withdraw his motion. In the case of his absence, once again perhaps we can transfer that for debate.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** Transferred for debate.

**Mr. Cooper:** Madam Speaker, I ask that the other Notices of Motions for the Production of Papers be allowed to stand.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** Shall the other Notices of Motions for the Production of Papers be allowed to stand?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

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## MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S. O. 52

### AGRICULTURE

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** I have received one application pursuant to Standing Order 52.

**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma):** Madam Speaker, this motion calls for a special debate under Standing Order 52 to address the serious problems facing the Canadian agricultural industry today.

Desperate financial cash flow problems are facing a generation of Canadian farmers. This is due to the government's drastic cutback in income support during the 1990-91 crop year, the lack of emergency transitional funding as the government was moving from an old system of *ad hoc* assistance to a new program for the new crop year 1991-92, and the lack of that additional cash. As well, the situation has been exacerbated by droughts in some parts of southern Ontario.

The crisis is very real. Canadian farmers are suffering. This issue needs to be addressed by the House of

### Government Orders

Commons. I call on the Chair and the government to debate this important issue so that farmers will know that members of the House of Commons are concerned and ready to act on it.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** I thank the hon. member for Algoma for his explanation. Coming from a rural riding myself, I know that there are problems out there and that some efforts are being made.

On the other hand, there other things that we could talk about today. Tomorrow being an allotted day, the hon. member may want to discuss this with his party and try to bring this subject to the House very shortly. I do hope that it is brought to the House very shortly.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

### DEBT SERVICING AND REDUCTION ACCOUNT ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance)** moved that Bill C-21, an act relating to the accounting of certain payments for the servicing and reduction of the debt of Canada, and referred to Legislative Committee F.

He said: Madam Speaker, I am very pleased to move second reading of Bill C-21, the Debt Servicing and Reduction Account.

The legislation we are dealing with today is part of the comprehensive package of policies and programs that date back to 1984, a strategy designed to put Canada on the road to economic recovery and restore long-term prosperity. It was particularly designed to help Canada meet the challenges of globalization, which all countries of the world have to face, especially those countries which are heavily reliant on exports, as is Canada.

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The initiative begun in November 1984, as reinforced in the February 1991 budget, set out a comprehensive plan for economic recovery based upon controlling inflation, improving our competitiveness, and controlling government expenditure, with the objective of achieving sustainable growth with price stability.