

*Capital Punishment*

[English]

**Mr. Lawrence:** Certainly no one could object to some attempt being made to reach agreement. However, there are two points I should like to make at the risk of being extremely verbose today. First, the government must bear the main share of responsibility in the event that no such arrangement can be made or no such agreement reached with respect to the timing of votes in a matter of this kind. It is high time the government realized that, though it is a way out in certain circumstances to call for a free vote, it must also bear responsibility for what occurs when there is a free vote. They can take the coward's way out—

**Some hon. Members:** Shame!

**Mr. Lawrence:** —but it is not an open door. I say that when there is a free vote, the party whips are off. The caucus has no responsibility for me or for anybody else on our side in those circumstances, and the party whip has no responsibility for me either. I assume the same applies to members on the other side.

The government House leader now attempts to impose an unfair condition upon the whips of other parties. When he and his hon. friends call for a free vote they should realize the implications of what they are doing.

My second point is this. If the government House leader is really, in the depths of his soul, concerned about everyone having the opportunity to express his views in the House in accordance with his responsibilities to the electors who sent him here, I must deplore in the strongest terms the fact we are being held here way into July to discuss a measure such as this when, really, I for one can see no urgency attached to it. If the government feels there should be full debate of this issue, with everybody participating, this is one of many matters which could just as easily be put over until the fall session of the House.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** If I might refer to the point of order raised by the President of the Privy Council, my understanding originally was that there was agreement that hon. members should seek agreement. Apparently there is disagreement now—disagreement as to whether there should be agreement to seek agreement. In view of the hon. member's comments I would think there is no question to put to the House.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Crop insurance!

**Mr. MacEachen:** I understand that both amendments have been stood and that it would probably be more appropriate for me in these circumstances to call for the rest of this period other items of business in the hope that one or two of them might be acceptable. If nothing I suggest is acceptable at this time I would propose calling it four o'clock and considering private members' business, if that is agreeable.

● (1510)

**Mr. Baldwin:** I hear the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) calling for the crop insurance

[Mr. Boisvert.]

bill. We, of course, would prefer to deal now with family allowances.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Agreed. Let's make it unanimous.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it agreed that further proceedings relating to the report stage of Bill C-2 be adjourned?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it further agreed that we call it four o'clock and proceed with the consideration of private members' hour?

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to call Item No. 7, the Fisheries Development Act. I understand there have been discussions among the parties and agreement has been reached that this item could be passed without debate. That would be helpful.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is this agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

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#### FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT ACT

##### AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT OF CERTAIN FACILITIES

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (for the Minister of Fisheries)** moved that Bill C-4, to amend the Fisheries Development Act, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

**Mr. MacEachen (for the Minister of Fisheries)** moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

**Mr. MacLean:** Mr. Speaker, I am only going from memory, but as I recall it the committee dealing with two of these bills agreed that the minister could by unanimous consent introduce an amendment to one of those. The committee agreed this should be done. As a matter of fact, this proposed amendment was dealt with in committee. I am not sure whether it is the wildlife bill or the fisheries development bill, but I think it is the fisheries development bill.

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, I think we ought to carry the bill, and if there is a further amendment we can consider it at a later point. With unanimity, we could do this quickly.

**Mr. Speaker:** I believe the bill has already received third reading.

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to call Item No. 14 respecting wildlife. I understand there is also agreement on that bill.