

### CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETIES

#### TABLING OF REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1973

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to table the report of the Superintendent of Insurance on Co-operative Credit Societies for the year ended December 31, 1973.

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### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

#### PROCEDURE FOR DEBATING MOTION CONCERNING VETERANS LAND ACT

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of Chapter III of the Statutes of Canada for 1974, the House must proceed to the consideration of the motion concerning the Veterans Land Act of which notice was given on October 17. I suggest the House now order that this matter be taken up after orders of the day are called on Tuesday next and, if necessary, on Wednesday next, and that in order to give as many members as possible the opportunity to participate in the debate, which according to law cannot exceed two days, I suggest it be made part of the order that the hour for private members' business on Tuesday next be suspended.

**Mr. Speaker:** The provisions of the statute pursuant to which the notice was filed with the Chair require that this matter be taken up and considered by the House within 15 days. Under at least one interpretation this involves calendar days and the period would expire tomorrow. Accordingly, the suggestion made by the President of the Privy Council is important in the sense that making an order rather than simply giving assent to an agreement at this time would constitute in the view of the Chair the taking up and considering of the item within the 15 day period. With these considerations in mind, I now ask whether the House agrees to an order being made in accordance with the terms outlined by the President of the Privy Council?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** It is so ordered.

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### PRIVILEGE

#### MR. LAWRENCE—FAILURE OF GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE MEMBERS WITH INFORMATION

**Mr. Allan Lawrence (Northumberland-Durham):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a question of privilege. By calling "Introduction of Bills" the opportunity for statements by the ministry has now passed for today. I should like to protest as strongly as I can as a member of this House—and I think this affects the privileges of all members of the House—the continual ignoring of the members of the House by not giving us information so that we can properly discuss the affairs of this nation.

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

### *Destruction of Calves*

**Mr. Lawrence:** Yesterday a very important meeting was called by the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) of this country, to which the premiers of the provinces in this country were invited, to deal with a very important matter, if not the most important matter affecting the economic history of this country to date. Today the Acting Prime Minister (Mr. Sharp) is present but he has not mentioned publicly one word about this meeting. One, if not two, members of the ministry who were also present at the meeting are here. I should like to protest as strongly and as loudly as I can this continual ignoring of the members of this House, which is the place where the affairs of this nation should properly be discussed.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member has in fact protested as loudly and as strongly as he possibly could. Unfortunately, this matter does not constitute a valid question of privilege. However, the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Sharp) wishes to make some kind of announcement.

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I should perhaps explain to the House that the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) is not present today because he is continuing the very useful discussions that began yesterday with the prime ministers of the provinces. He is meeting today with members of the trade unions, I am sure the House will agree a very useful activity, very much in the public interest. The Minister of Finance (Mr. Turner), who was present at the meeting, will be present to answer any questions he can about the proceedings.

[Translation]

**Mr. Eudore Allard (Rimouski):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a question to the hon. Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I will recognize the hon. member a little later.

### MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S.O. 26

[English]

### AGRICULTURE

#### DESTRUCTION OF CALVES AND HIGH RETAIL PRICE OF MEAT

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, I ask leave of the House, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), to move the adjournment of the House under Standing Order 26 for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter requiring urgent consideration, namely the crisis in the meat producing industry manifested by the destruction of calves in Quebec and the high prices being paid by consumers throughout Canada.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member has given the Chair notice as required within the terms of the Standing Order. He has therefore given the Chair the opportunity to