

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

[Translation]

**LABOUR RELATIONS****QUEBEC—LONGSHOREMEN'S STRIKE—POSITION OF PARTIES RESPECTING ARBITRATION—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT BY MINISTER**

**Mr. Valade:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The hon. member for Sainte-Marie on a point of order.

**Mr. Valade:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind the Acting Prime Minister that he promised to answer our questions regarding the longshoremen's strike and I wonder if he has something to tell us.

[English]

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I now have some further information in reply to the two questions asked about the longshoremen's strike. I am informed that the arbitration procedure is a very speedy process which will clear up the matters in dispute and, we hope, permit an early return to work. With regard to the question whether the men have agreed to go back to work during the arbitration procedure, the answer is no, they have not. But the process itself is very speedy and we think it is the best way to deal with the matter at the present time. In respect of the question about a commission of inquiry I am also informed that the offer of the Minister of Labour to set up a commission of inquiry was conditional on neither party going to arbitration. The Maritime Employers Association has now decided to go to arbitration, which therefore takes precedence. We have no recent information to the effect that the union is unwilling to participate in the arbitration.

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[Translation]

**Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question to put to the minister.

Could he assure the House that the Minister of Labour will make a full statement on this subject early next week in order that the House be acquainted with all aspects of this situation?

[English]

**Mr. Sharp:** Mr. Speaker, I am sure the Minister of Labour, when he is next in the House, will be very happy to answer questions. I do not know whether he will wish to make a statement.

**Mr. Gleave:** A supplementary—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member wishes to ask a supplementary, but we have gone about five minutes beyond the question period. I assume this can be done only with the unanimous consent of the House. Perhaps the supplementary might be asked when the House next meets. Order of the day.

[Mr. MacInnis.]

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS****CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD ACT****AMENDMENTS RESPECTING DETERMINATION OF PAYMENT FOR WHEAT—EXTENSION OF APPLICATION TO FLAXSEED, RYE AND RAPESEED**

The House resumed, from Monday, June 5, consideration of Bill C-204, to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Agriculture and motion No. 1 (Mr. Gleave).

**Mr. Lang:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. When this bill was last considered in the House, some question was raised concerning procedural difficulties with this amendment and perhaps the remaining two amendments to this bill. There have been discussions, and I believe there will be found to be general agreement to proceed with the amendments in every way as though they were in order without prejudice to that question. This, of course, in no way implies the acceptance of any particular amendment except for procedural purposes. I believe there will be found to be agreement to proceed in that fashion at this time.

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

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Speaker:** In the circumstances, the amendment which stands in the name of the hon. member for Saskatoon-Biggar will be put.

**Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar)** moved:

That Bill C-204, An Act to amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act, be amended

(a) by deleting from Clause 5 lines 29 to 37 at page 4 and substituting the following therefor:

"5. Section 35 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"35. (1) The Governor in Council may by regulation extend the application of Part III or Part IV or of both Parts III and IV to any or all of oats, barley, rye, flax seed or rapeseed or to all of them.

(2) Where the Governor in Council has extended the application of any Part under subsection (1), the provisions of that Part shall be deemed to be re-enacted in this Part, except that

(a) the word "oats", "barley", "Rye", "Flax seed" or "Rapeseed", as the case may be, shall be substituted for the word "wheat";

(b) the expression "oat products", "barley products", "rye products", "flax seed products" or "rapeseed products", as the case may be, shall be substituted for the expression "wheat products";

(c) the sum certain per bushel to be fixed by the Governor in Council in respect of oats, barley, rye, flax seed or rapeseed may be so fixed basis in storage either Thunder Bay or Vancouver or only Thunder Bay or only Vancouver; and"

(b) by adding immediately after line 5 at page 5 the following:

"(3) The Governor in Council shall make any regulation extending the application of Part III or IV or of both Parts III and IV to any of rye, flax seed or rapeseed after considering the possibility of holding a plebiscite of the producers in consultation with the appropriate representatives of such organizations with co-operative or direct membership that are involved in the marketing or production of these three grains."

(c) by renumbering subsequent subsections accordingly.

He said: Mr. Speaker, in speaking to this motion I should like first to point out its scope and the reason for it.