

*Government Orders*

allocating \$26 million over 10 years to establish a system of schools controlled and managed by the francophone minority in that province.

The text is clear. I submit this request to the Chair.

## SPEAKER'S RULING

**Mr. Speaker:** I thank the hon. member for Ottawa—Vanier. Clearly, this is a very important subject, but I think that, in the circumstances, there will probably be other opportunities to raise the matter in the House of Commons. Therefore, it is not appropriate at this time, but may be later.

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[*English*]

## PLANT BREEDERS' RIGHTS ACT

## MEASURE TO ENACT

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-15, an act respecting plant breeders' rights, as reported (with amendments) from a legislative committee.

## SPEAKER'S RULING

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** There are nine motions in amendment set down on the motion paper for the report stage of Bill C-15, an act respecting plant breeders' rights.

Motion No. 1 standing in the name of the hon. member for Mackenzie and Motion No. 3 standing in the name of the hon. member for Algoma are in order and will be grouped for debate, but voted on separately.

Motions Nos. 2, 6, 7, and 8 in the name of the hon. member for Algoma are identical to the motions that were moved, debated, and negatived in the legislative committee. For this reason these motions will not be selected.

Motions Nos. 4, 5, and 9 in the name of the hon. member for Algoma are in order.

Motions Nos. 4 and 5 will be grouped for debate, but voted on separately.

Motion No. 9 will be debated and voted on separately. Therefore Motions Nos. 1 and 3 will now be proposed to the House.

## MEASURE TO ENACT

**Mr. Vic Althouse (Mackenzie) moved:**

Motion No. 1

That Bill C-15 be amended in Clause 4 by striking out lines 21 and 22 at page 4 and substituting the following therefor:

"ties belonging to prescribed categories but shall not include categories of cereals or vegetables whose contribution to the nutritional diet is commonly recognized and deemed to be nutritionally significant and found, pursuant to subsection 27(1), to be".

**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma) moved:**

Motion No. 3

That Bill C-15 be amended in Clause 32 by adding immediately after line 41 at page 18 the following:

"(3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2) the Commissioner shall, after the expiration of a period of seven years from the granting of a plant breeder's rights respecting cereal grains, oil seeds or pulse crops, on application by any person, confer on the person in the form of a compulsory licence that is not subject to the payment of any royalty or other remuneration rights to do any thing regarding the cereal grains, oil seeds or pulse crops that the holder might authorize another person to do pursuant to paragraph 5(1)(d)."

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I will recognize the hon. member for Mackenzie.

**Mr. Althouse:** Mr. Speaker, beginning the report stage to Bill C-15, I want to say at the outset that these days all government bills are deemed to be urgent and most of them attract a closure clause within a few minutes or hours of debate.

That is not the reason for putting this amendment forward. I note that I have proposed on behalf of my party one amendment. I think this one amendment is a big compromise from our position and I am hoping that the government will see that this particular amendment has some merit given the limited response that we had from the public during the course of the legislative committee hearings.

During that period of time we found that there was some pressure for plant breeders' rights legislation from those groups and individuals that were producing ornamentals, flowers, shrubs and so on. They have been arguing for such legislation for a long time. But we did not receive very much pressure, if any, from the people who are developing plant varieties that would be used for food, forage and pharmaceutical use. I think that the