

those Bills through all stages more quickly than has been the case.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: That is wrong.

Mr. Mazankowski: You are contradicting yourself.

Mr. Pinard: I am not contradicting myself. I am saying that if we were able to agree to pass legislation through all stages at least eight to ten times during the last ten days, then it would have been possible for us to add to those eight to ten Bills the Old Age Security Act, the National Housing Act and the Western Grain Stabilization Act. All we needed was the consent of the Tory Party, but we did not get it.

Mr. Mazankowski: What took you so long to bring the Bill on in the first place? Where were you six months ago?

Mr. Hnatyshyn: That is nonsense and gobbledegook.

Mr. Speaker: The Chair is having a little difficulty relating all these remarks to current business before the House, with all due respect.

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, I see my good friend from Vegreville has just discovered that if the senior citizens, the western farmers, and the home owners have been taken hostage, they were not taken hostage by the Government but by his own Party. The Tory Party could have very easily agreed to the quick passage of those Bills.

An Hon. Member: We could have passed them a year and a half ago.

Mr. Pinard: The Conservatives will have an opportunity before the end of June, Mr. Speaker, to give that kind of agreement.

As a matter of fact, I will give a very specific offer to the Hon. Member. I am willing to pass those three Bills this afternoon by unanimous consent if the Tories are willing to give unanimous consent to the passage of Bill C-9, which is now on the agenda. I am sure they will not.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Mazankowski: What a phoney.

Mr. Gustafson: Do you want to hang a millstone around the farmers' necks?

Mr. Pinard: They want to score political points. They are not interested in seeing Parliament make progress. The Hon. Member for Vegreville should be ashamed.

Mr. Mazankowski: You should be ashamed.

Mr. Pinard: The Hon. Member's Party and the Hon. Member are the ones who are taking hostage the old age people and the western farmers. The Hon. Member will have another opportunity, I guarantee, after the convention to co-operate and to react more positively to the generous offers made by the Government to pass not only the four Bills I am

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talking about, but a lot of other measures that are on the Order Paper that are most important to the people of this country. The minute the Tories stop filibustering and delaying, as they have done so many times during this Parliament, including ringing the bells for 14 days, which was shameful of them—

Miss MacDonald: The people approved.

Mr. Pinard: —then we will be able to see how we can deal with all of those problems.

Once again, the business for next week, and it can be dealt with even faster—I will be prepared to outline other Bills assuming the Tories really care for the old people and the western grain farmers—will be Bill C-9, Bill C-40, Bill C-37 and Bill C-33. If we succeed in passing those Bills before the end of the day on Monday, I will be here personally to outline the other good measures which the Government will bring forward.

Mr. Robinson (Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, with respect to House business, first I should say that we are quite prepared to accept the very generous offer of the President of the Privy Council that we continue debate on the security legislation in September. Prior to that time, I suggest that rather than attempting in effect to blackmail this House by holding the old age pensioners, the home owners and the western grain farmers hostage to this Government policies, we on this side of the House are prepared to deal expeditiously with all of that legislation but not at the price of the fundamental civil liberties of Canadians. We want to make that very clear. We are prepared to continue that debate in September as the Government House Leader suggested, Mr. Speaker.

With respect to Government business today, what action does the Government intend to take to ensure that, prior to the House rising on June 29, that legislation which fundamentally affects the health, the safety and indeed the lives of many hundreds of thousands of Canadian workers—I am referring to the proposed amendments to the Canada Labour Code—is dealt with? Or is the Government House Leader going to use his form of blackmail with respect to Canadian workers as well as farmers, old age pensioners and home owners?

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member looks upset. He appears to be upset about something, I do not know what. There is no need for him to lose his cool. He should realize that Bill C-34, the amendments to the Canada Labour Code to which he has referred, would be law today if he personally would have allowed some other legislation to be disposed of quickly in the House of Commons. He knows very well and the public knows very well—we have read it in the press—that because of his childish attitude and systematic obstruction on Bill C-9 at committee stage as well as since the Bill has been reported to the House, it has not been possible for Parliament to dispose of Bill C-34 quickly.

I want to assure this House and the workers of this country that, despite this dilatory attitude on the part of the Hon. Member, we nevertheless introduced that Bill, managed to