

*Government Orders*

date back to Erskine May and includes Beauchesne that it can call Bill C-91.

**Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West):** Madam Speaker, the Table was informed some time ago, as were all parties, that the first item of business after Question Period would be Bill C-91.

The normal practice is for the table officers to rise and announce that. It was interrupted with a point of order.

When the point of order is completed, I would anticipate that the table officers would rise and make that announcement.

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## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

### FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION ACT

#### MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed from Tuesday, February 26, consideration of motion of Mr. Loiselle that Bill C-91, an act to amend the Financial Administration Act and other acts in consequence thereof, be read the third time and passed.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** The House is ready for the question. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. members:** On division.

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

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### FARM INCOME PROTECTION ACT

#### MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Mazankowski that Bill C-98, an act authorizing agreements between the Government of Canada and the provinces to provide for protection for the income of producers of agricultural products and to enable the Government of Canada to take additional measures for that purpose, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** When debate stopped for Question Period at 11 a.m., the hon. member for Gander—Grand Falls had the floor. There are 15 minutes left in his speech.

**Mr. George S. Baker (Gander—Grand Falls):** Madam Speaker, I will not use my entire time period. However, I would just like to make a couple of remarks regarding this legislation.

The legislation is, as the bill says, the Farm Income Protection Act. Perhaps, that should be changed to read: "Some farm income protection for some farmers act".

One would get the impression from looking at the title that the bill would cover all farmers in Canada and that there would be income protection for all of the farmers of Canada.

Such is not the case, unfortunately. I will read, just to put on the record, what the government says is in the legislation. It says the legislation provides for the Net Income Stabilization Account, called NISA; the Gross Revenue Insurance Program, called GRIP; the revenue insurance program, called RIP; and the crop insurance program, called CIP.

• (1250)

All of these things are incorporated into this bill to provide protection for farmers.

Really, in the bill for the year coming up, 1991-1992, the main component called GRIP will only grip the grain and oilseed farmers. Now how well, in my limited knowledge of the farming community, will it grip the farmers?

Some of the contributions to the program come from the federal government; it has contributed some 41 per cent. Where do the rest come from? Oh, they come from the farmers; 33 per cent. And then the provincial governments, if they so wish, will have to put up 25 per cent each.

So it is not such an all-encompassing program and the NISA section—and I am not saying there is anything wrong with it— all it really is, is that you can put money into a bank account to save for a rainy day.

As I read the legislation you can only withdraw—and as I say I have very limited knowledge of the farming community, that is those who produce grain and oilseed—if your income drops below \$10,000 for the year.