

Agricultural Stabilization Act

The brief mentions other areas of concern to the federation. The Canadian Federation of Agriculture, in its latest presentation to the cabinet, says on page 2 of its pamphlet "1975 Presentation to the Prime Minister and Members of Parliament":

As we proceed to implementation of the new legislation, effective consultation procedures with producers are of the utmost importance.

The Minister of Agriculture must consult his provincial counterparts because until closer consultation is established and more effective machinery set up we shall not see implemented the effective policies which this country needs. We all support agricultural stabilization. No one disagrees with agricultural producers being given a fair, even generous return. I have stated before that my constituency has some of the best agricultural land and some of the best farmers in Canada. They are entitled to compensation for their investment, enterprise and labours in this connection.

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I intended to go into some detail on this matter but time will not permit. I believe there is some desire to conclude the debate; therefore I will not make quite a few comments which I intended to make with regard to this legislation. The minister stated time and again that he was glad to see food prices increasing. He said that when the price goes up in the marketplace, the farmers, the producers, obtain better returns. That is not always true; in fact, there is a wide discrepancy between increases in the cost of food and the income the farmer receives. If the primary producers received the compensation due to them, there would be some argument in favour of this, but as the hon. member for Crowfoot stated this morning, there is a wide differential in prices that must be accounted for other than by just saying the farmers are getting a better income and more adequate compensation for their products.

The bill before us does not in any way indicate that the government is prepared to deal realistically with the question of stability in the agricultural industry. Several amendments proposed are desirable, but in no way is this an imaginative or innovative move on the part of the minister and the government to the degree that it will ensure effective assistance for the farmer in his quest for justice in the face of continuing inflation. The measure does not include many agricultural products. I refer again to my own area. A group from my area recently made representations on behalf of the raspberry growers. The response was ineffective and inadequate. They were told this product might be considered later as coming under the provisions of the stabilization act. However, there was no guarantee.

These are the issues that confront the people. Definite measures should be taken to ensure that all sectors of agriculture, no matter what they may be, benefit from the provisions of a stabilization bill such as the one now before us. I say to the minister that even when he puts together all the parts that are included in this bill, he still does not have the type of legislation that is required to solve the problems of the agricultural sector today.

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): Is the House ready for the question?

[Mr. Patterson.]

Some hon. Members: Question.

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

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until two o'clock this afternoon.

At one o'clock the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

OLYMPIC GAMES

PROPOSAL FOR THE MINTING OF COMMEMORATIVE GOLD COINS—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43 I rise to propose a motion relating to a case of urgent and pressing necessity having to do with the fact that yesterday the government announced its intention to scrap Olympic Bill C-63 after only two committee meetings and less than six hours of debate on report stage. Since this childish political ploy will further harm the Olympic cause, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Grenville-Carleton (Mr. Baker):

That the Postmaster General be instructed to introduce forthwith legislation which would allow for the minting and distribution of coin sales of \$100 gold coins with an established amount of gold at a predetermined cost.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

An hon. Member: You blew it, Otto!

Mr. Speaker: Under Standing Order 43, the motion cannot be presented unless there is the unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

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ENERGY

SUGGESTED REFERENCE OF PROPOSED SALE OF CANDU REACTORS TO STANDING COMMITTEE—MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I ask leave to move under the provisions of Standing Order 43, upon a matter of urgent and pressing necessity, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That in view of pending negotiations for the sale of Canadian nuclear reactors to South Korea and the Argentine and in the light of the danger, particularly in the case of South Korea, that such a reactor might be used for the production of a nuclear bomb and the threat of its use in a nuclear war in a country already in a state of war