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the representatives of the parties privately. It might be possible to make an agreement, with regard to this bill comparable to that which I understand has already been arranged in respect of other bills, that is, a special order of the House might be made to advance the bill to its present state of progress so that it would not be necessary to repeat what has gone on before.

Such procedure would not complete the study of the bill in the next day or so, but it would mean that in the next session we would be able to utilize the necessary time in order to pass the bill. The order that would be made could be made only in the new session, but I suggest this procedure as a compromise.

Mr. Baldwin: It is true, Mr. Speaker, that we did make this agreement with regard to one bill, not bills as the minister mentioned. However, it all depends on the question of discussion later and the extent to which the government is prepared to rectify its bungling incompetence and bring in a better bill.

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot): Rising on the point of order, Mr. Speaker, may I say I am perfectly willing to sit as long as possible in order to sell my ideas and my amendments to the government. If the government wants to sit until midnight tonight, I am perfectly willing to do so. If the government should accept the amendments, I assure them that I will do my utmost to facilitate the early passage of this bill at the next session. But if the government should reject all the amendments on the Order Paper, I cannot guarantee my assistance in passing the bill because I do not think it is good without all the amendments being included.

Mr. Speaker: I doubt that we will achieve any kind of unanimous agreement on the point raised by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre. If there is to be an agreement, perhaps it should be reached by consultation outside the House. If there is a feeling on the part of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre that the matter might be advanced in some other way, I will hear him further or hear the minister.

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I think any condition set down to reach unanimous agreement that involves total acquiescence to one member of this House of 264 members is complete lunacy.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order. It would seem that my assessment of the situation was the correct one. I doubt that we can reach agreement at this time. I suggest to hon. members that if they think they can reach agreement on that point, it might be discussed outside the House in private consultation.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I on this point address just one question to the Minister of National Defence in his capacity as Acting House Leader? Do we have his commitment that if Bill C-196 is not completed at this session, a bill like it will be brought in early in the new session?

Mr. Baldwin: How much like it?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): You have that commitment, sir.

• (3:20 p.m.)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS**CANADA GRAIN ACT**

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION, PROVISIONS RESPECTING GRADING, LICENCES, ELEVATORS, ETC.

The House resumed from Tuesday, October 6, consideration of Bill C-196, respecting grain, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, motion No. 1 (Mr. Horner).

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Is the House ready for the question?

Mr. A. P. Gleave (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, the time in which we may discuss this measure in this session is running out. I intend to be fairly brief in discussing this amendment and indeed in discussing the bill. Let me say at the start that when this amendment was discussed in committee, the legal advisers who were available to us pointed out that this particular clause simply defined an elevator in the clear and concise terms that were necessary so that an elevator would have a legal definition and the bill could be effective and workable in the legal sense.

This bill was exhaustively discussed and examined in the committee. At times the committee sat three times a day when the bill was before it. We called before us all the witnesses who wanted to appear, and we invited some others. So far as I am concerned, out of that committee came as workable a bill as we are every likely to get. If the bill is