

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tuesday, April 18, 1967

The house met at 2.30 p.m.

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PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF PARLIAMEN- TARIANS FROM FINLAND

Mr. Speaker: May I be permitted to bring to the attention of hon. members the presence in the Speaker's gallery of a group of distinguished parliamentarians from Finland.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: On behalf of hon. members I wish them a pleasant and interesting visit to Canada.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

ALLOCATION OF TIME FOR CONSIDERATION OF DEFENCE ACT AMENDMENTS

Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I beg leave to present the report of the business committee on the question of allocation of time on the committee of the whole stage and all remaining stages of procedure on Bill No. C-243, to amend the National Defence Act and other acts in consequence thereof, as amended, which was referred to the business committee on Thursday, April 13, 1967. The report is as follows:

Pursuant to the order of reference on Thursday, April thirteenth, 1967, your committee has considered the question of allocation of time on the committee of the whole stage and all remaining stages of procedure on Bill C-243, an act to amend the National Defence Act and other acts in consequence thereof (as amended). I now report that the committee has been unable to reach a unanimous agreement on the question referred to it.

Mr. Speaker, I give notice, pursuant to the provisions of standing order 15A, that on Thursday next I will move that an order be made allocating the time on the committee of the whole stage and all remaining stages of procedure on Bill C-243, to amend the National Defence Act and other acts in consequence thereof, as amended, being government order No. 107 on this day's order paper. My motion will provide that two days shall be allocated for the completion of discussion on the committee of the whole stage on Bill C-243, to amend the National Defence Act

and other acts in consequence thereof, as amended, and that one day shall be allotted for the completion of the third reading stage on the bill. Perhaps I should add so that hon. members will understand—

Mr. Diefenbaker: We understand it perfectly well; the axe.

● (2:40 p.m.)

Mr. McIlraith: —that the motion can only come before the house on Thursday, not tomorrow. It provides for the time indicated in addition to the time that will have been spent between now and the adoption of the motion. At that time we will have had at least 13 days on the committee stage in addition to the time provided for in the motion.

[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

DAIRY POLICY—MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 26

Mr. Réal Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I move, seconded by the hon. member for Chapleau (Mr. Laprise), the adjournment of the house under standing order 26 for the purpose of discussing a matter of urgent public importance, namely the government's dairy policy, which is now arousing the ire of all Canadian dairy farmers, and for the purpose of arriving at some early solution to that thorny problem.

Mr. Speaker, the urgency—

Mr. Speaker: Order. Would the hon. member send me a copy of this motion?

The hon. member knows that the debate must deal only with the urgency of debate and not with the urgency of the motion. I would therefore ask him to make the remarks he deems necessary on that point.

Mr. Caouette: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The urgency of debate is obvious, because right now the farmers, the dairy producers, not only in one but in several provinces, are organizing to march on Ottawa. They are unhappy with the recent dairy policy laid down by the government and announced by the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Greene).

The farmers feel that it is very urgent to review the dairy policy so that they can get the minimum price they asked for, that is