

Mr. Speaker, do I have unanimous consent to move this motion which is very important for the producers of Western Canada?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

● (1720)

[English]

Mr. Stevens: Mr. Speaker, on House business, I would like to ask the Government House Leader whether, in the interest of facilitating debate and improving Bill C-155, the Government would be prepared to consent to the following motion which, if agreeable by unanimous consent, I would like to put to the House. If I may first mention that this is one motion—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. I invite the Hon. Member to read the proposed motion only. Is the Hon. Member asking for unanimous consent for the motion he has read?

Mr. Stevens: I have not read it yet, Mr. Speaker. My motion is:

That Bill C-155 be amended in Clause 55 by adding immediately after line 29 at page 32 the following:

"55.(4) No payment shall be made to any company which is one of the railway companies until such time as that company has

(a) obtained a certificate of continuance under the Canada Business Corporations Act; and

I note, Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member is writing it as I read it.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Will the Hon. Member please read his motion.

Mr. Stevens:

(b) legally committed itself to pay interest at a rate of not less than 11 per cent on any of its bonds, notes, mortgages, debentures or debenture stock which had been issued prior to 1897 and each of its subsidiaries has made a legal commitment to pay interest at a rate of not less than 11 per cent on any of its bonds, notes, mortgages, debentures or debenture stock which have been issued prior to 1897 and in each case payable in the same currency and at the same times as previously payable."

In short, this is to help the widows and orphans—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member has finished reading his motion. Is he asking for the unanimous consent of the House?

Mr. Stevens: I am, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Miss Carney: Mr. Speaker, on House business, I would like to ask the Government House Leader whether, in the interest of facilitating debate and improving Bill C-155, the Govern-

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ment would be prepared to consent to allow the following motion to be put to the House. This is the motion:

That Bill C-155 be amended in Clause 34 by adding after line 7 at page 18 the following thereto:

" "minimum compensatory rate" means a rate which only marginally exceeds the variable costs;"

In any event, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you seek the unanimous consent of the House that the motion as read be placed on the Order Paper for debate during the consideration of report stage of Bill C-155, an Act to facilitate the transportation, shipping and handling of western grain and to amend certain Acts in consequence thereof.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is there consent for the Hon. Member to present the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

Mr. Mayer: Mr. Speaker, on House business, I would like to ask the Government House Leader, or in his absence the Parliamentary Secretary to the Government House Leader, if he would be prepared, in the interest of facilitating debate and improving Bill C-155, an Act to facilitate the transportation, shipping and handling of western grain and to amend certain Acts in consequence thereof, to waive notice and to allow for unanimous consent for the following motion to be put to the House. This is the motion:

That Bill C-155 be amended in Clause 34 by deleting lines 20 to 40 at page 17 and lines 1 to 3 at page 18 which read as follows:

"estimated eligible costs", in respect of any crop year, means an amount equal to the aggregate of

(a) the volume-related variable costs of the railway companies for the movement of grain and their line-related variable costs for grain dependent branch lines, as estimated by the Commission pursuant to section 39, and

(b) the following phased-in contribution to the constant costs of the railway companies, namely,

(i) in respect of the 1983-84 crop year, 5% of the volume-related variable costs,

(ii) in respect of the 1984-85 crop year, 10% of the volume-related variable costs,

(iii) in respect of the 1985-86 crop year, 15% of the volume-related variable costs, and

(iv) in respect of the 1986-87 and subsequent crop years, 20% of the volume-related variable costs;

and substituting the following therefor:

" "estimated eligible costs" in respect of any crop year means an amount equal to the aggregate of the volume-related variable costs of the railway companies for the movement of grain and their line-related variable costs for grain-dependent branch lines."

In any event, I ask, Mr. Speaker, that you seek the unanimous consent of the House to waive notice so that the motion that I just read can be placed on the Order Paper for debate and consideration at report stage of Bill C-155, an Act to facilitate the transportation, shipping and handling of western grain and to amend certain Acts in consequence thereof.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?