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would involve a great deal of bookkeeping and organization. Perhaps we should ask the provinces to pass complementary legislation to simplify the structure of these syndicates, enabling them to qualify for this proposed credit.

Mr. Speaker, I think all these things will be clear after the bill becomes law and that law is subjected to a trial run. I think the farmers should be allowed to consider the law and test it to see what kind of problems will be created. Perhaps in a year or two after passage of this legislation it should be looked at again in light of experience and the knowledge of its weaknesses, and then amended. In the meantime I am convinced that we ought to accept the principles of this legislation, rather than adopt this amendment which could have the effect of killing the bill.

May I call it six o'clock, Mr. Speaker?

**PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT
MOTION**

**SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTION
TO BE DEBATED UNDER
ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. It is my duty pursuant to standing order 39A to inform the house that the question to be raised at ten o'clock on the adjournment is as follows: the hon. member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen)—royal visit—omission in press release of reference to leader of opposition.

At six o'clock the house took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The house resumed at 8 p.m.

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**PROVISION OF CREDIT FOR PURCHASES
BY SYNDICATES**

The house resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Hays for the second reading of Bill No. C-121, to provide for the extension of credit to farm machinery syndicates.

Mr. H. A. Olson (Medicine Hat): I had completed my remarks at six o'clock, Mr. Speaker, perhaps with the exception of saying that we cannot accept the suggestion this bill ought to take the course the amendment indicates which would, in effect, destroy it before it is accepted in principle.

[Mr. Olson.]

Hon. Harry W. Hays (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I have been invited by several hon. members opposite to intervene in this debate at this stage to explain—

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I just want to be clear that the minister is not closing the debate. I believe he is speaking to the amendment.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: That is quite so. In any event, the Chair is required under the rules to caution the house that the minister is closing the debate, and when the Chair does not the minister does not then close the debate.

Mr. Hays: I am more than pleased, Mr. Speaker, to accept this invitation to speak at this time. I think it is time I pointed out to you, Mr. Speaker, and to all the farmers of this country just what is going on here. I know that this is legislation which all the farmers in this country, in eastern Canada as well as western Canada, need and want. Yet, first we have the Conservative opposition attacking this legislation as useless, as foolhardy, and even as communistic. Not only have the Tories delayed this legislation, but now they want to kill it. As every informed member of this house understands very well, the effect of the amendment moved this afternoon by the hon. member for Edmonton-Strathcona (Mr. Nugent) would be to kill this bill right here. Of course it would also bring down the government and force another election on the Canadian people. Is this what the right hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Diefenbaker) talks about when he says he wants to see some action in this house?

Since the amendment was introduced, Mr. Speaker, there have been suggestions that the hon. member who moved it did not really know what he was doing. However, I believe the hon. member did understand that this amendment, if passed, would kill this bill without any further discussion. I would point out that from the hon. member's own lips this afternoon we heard about his legal training; we heard he was a lawyer, and he was going to tell us how he would protect the farmers from falling into the trap which, in his legalistic mind he thought he saw in this legislation. Let us make no mistake about this. He knew what he was doing when he moved this amendment. If he did not, then that is an even worse reflection on his capacity to come in here and speak for the farmers of this country. In addition to that, he is from my own province.