

of the drug patent legislation, the opposition parties have nothing to fear from plant breeders' rights.

The report of the first full year of the drug patent legislation showed the companies investing more than they had promised in research and development and that the price of drugs had increased 1.7 per cent less than inflation. That is the first time that had ever happened. So if plant breeders' rights is handled the same way as the drug patent legislation has been handled, then Canada will be far better off.

**Hon. John McDermid (Minister of State (Privatization and Regulatory Affairs)):** Mr. Speaker, I became familiar with this bill a number of years ago. It was introduced first in this House, I believe, by the Hon. Eugene Whelan in 1980, so it is nothing new. I have companies in my community, one being Oseco Seeds, which is very concerned about this particular piece of legislation and would like to see it go through. It does a great deal of research itself but also does a great deal of purchasing of seeds from the west. I know of their concern to get this through.

I would share the hon. member's concerns if the largest farm organization in this country did not in fact support this legislation. My colleague, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture, laid it out very well. He is, by the way, a very successful farmer as well.

I am not concerned about this monopoly that the hon. member talks about. What I am concerned about is research and development and that the people who develop the various strains get fair compensation for their development as happens in other countries as well. I just do not have that same concern that the hon. member has.

I might say in passing that orderly marketing is something that every individual business person should do if they are going to have a successful operation, whether large or small. Orderly marketing is not something that should concern the members of this House as well.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Is the House ready for the question?

**Some hon. members:** Question.

### *Government Orders*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** The question is on Motion No. 1. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. members:** No.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

**Some hon. members:** Yea.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some hon. members:** Nay.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** In my opinion the nays have it.

*And more than five members having risen:*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Pursuant to Standing Order 76(8), the recorded division on the motion is deferred.

The next question is on Motion No. 3 standing in the name of the hon. member for Algoma. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. members:** No.

**An hon. member:** On division.

Motion No. 3 (Mr. Foster) negatived.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Motions Nos. 4, 5 and 9 in the name of the hon. member for Algoma are in order. Motions Nos. 4 and 5 will be grouped for debate but voted on separately.

**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma) moved:**

Motion No. 4

That Bill C-15 be amended in Clause 73 by striking out line 14 at page 37 and substituting the following therefor:

"73. (1) The Minister shall constitute an."

Motion No. 5

That Bill C-15 be amended by adding immediately after line 4 at page 38 the following new clause:

"74.1 The Commissioner, in consultation with the advisory committee, shall consult with the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs on all matters related to the administration of the Act if said matters could reasonably be considered as being of concern to the said department".