

est. It has an obligation, not only to deal with wheat but with all transportation needs in the country.

We do not want the nightmare of having two boards, both having jurisdiction over where the cars should be at a particular time and who should have priority. Such matters must be settled by the body delegated by Parliament to have responsibility for settling the bigger issues, all of which have national and international importance.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, this bill, as far as I can see, is simply legislating schizophrenia on the railways. Surely there are sufficient agencies with responsibility for grain transportation without adding another.

Mr. Knowles: Question.

Mr. Peterson: The hon. member opposite has indicated that he has a question. I would be delighted to receive any questions he might have at the close of the debate on this issue.

Mr. Knowles: I am asking for the question to be called.

Mr. Peterson: I am always willing to respond to the questions of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles). I have found them to be relevant and pointed. I

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defer to his experience in this House and welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with him in public or in private when I have completed what I think are essential remarks dealing with the philosophy of the matter before us.

Mr. Knowles: Let us have the vote.

Mr. Peterson: At this time I think what we want to do is continue with the thrust of this government, which I am proud to support at this time. It recognizes the role of the farmer in western Canada, the importance of this to the economy, and the necessity for us all to join in that enterprise to ensure that their goods get to market. This is a co-operative effort involving the railways. It is an effort which is going to involve the ports, and one which must be considered in the context of all the transportation needs of western Canada.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please! The hour provided for the consideration of private members' business has now expired. It being five o'clock, the House stands adjourned until Monday at two o'clock, pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At 5 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.