

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE TABLED

Leave having been given to revert to Reports of Committees:

Hon. Hazen Argue, Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture, tabled the report of the committee, to which was referred the report of the Canadian Wheat Board for the crop year ended July 31, 1971, tabled in the Senate April 25, 1972, and asked that the report be printed as an appendix to the *Debates of the Senate* and to the *Minutes of the Proceedings of the Senate* of this day and form part of the permanent record of this house.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker (Hon. Mr. Macdonald): Is it agreed?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

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FARM CREDIT ACT

BILL TO AMEND—REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Hon. Hazen Argue, Chairman of the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture, reported that the committee had considered Bill C-5, to amend the Farm Credit Act, and had directed that the bill be reported without amendment.

The Hon. the Acting Speaker (Hon. Mr. Macdonald): Honourable senators, when shall this bill be read the third time?

Hon. Mr. Flynn: Next sitting.

Hon. Mr. Michaud: I move, with leave, now.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: I do not see what is to be gained. We will have to sit tomorrow in any event.

Hon. Mr. Martin: Tonight.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: If we find it necessary we can revert to this item tonight, and give the bill third reading.

Hon. Mr. Michaud moved that the bill be placed on the Orders of the Day for third reading at the next sitting. Motion agreed to.

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

Hon. Mr. Martin: Honourable senators, we had agreed, of course, that we would come back tonight to deal with Bill C-230, to provide for the resumption of the operation of the ports of Montreal, Trois-Rivières and Quebec. They were hopeful that they would be finished with the bill in the other place by six o'clock. That may not occur, but the Leader of the Opposition and I discussed the matter and agreed that we would be ready to deal with this important legislation as quickly as possible. Accordingly, we will be adjourning until eight o'clock this evening.

Senator Flynn asked this morning what our intention was with regard to other legislation. While I expressed a hope that there would be no other legislation, in my personal capacity I am bound to say that my wishes have not been met by the collective judgment of those who sit in

the executive arm of government. The House of Commons will adjourn tomorrow at five o'clock, subject to royal assent being given to Bill C-230. I do not anticipate any problem in that regard. However, it is the government's intention to proceed with what is called FISP. I do not know why they call it that; it is really the family income security measure.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: Because they wish to suck dry the middle class.

Hon. Mr. Martin: Well, you are now anticipating the argument.

Following that they propose to bring forward the so-called foreign takeovers bill. I should say to honourable senators that I expect we will have to be here on Monday. I suggest that we should not wait until Tuesday to reconvene. I realize that if we do sit on Monday, many honourable senators will have to stay in Ottawa over the weekend and it will meet with their convenience if we assemble at two o'clock in the afternoon. I realize it is difficult for most senators, but I do not see any way of avoiding this. I thought I had better inform the house now that we will have to meet on Monday—in our usual large numbers, I am sure—to deal with these remaining pieces of legislation.

Hon. Mr. Connolly (Ottawa West): If any legislation comes to us.

Hon. Mr. Martin: If Bill C-230 is passed by this house, it will be given royal assent tomorrow. Bill C-183, to amend the Canada Labour Code, and Bill C-5, to amend the Farm Credit Act, which might receive third reading tonight or tomorrow, will also receive royal assent.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: I have just received a message that the other place have left Bill C-230 in abeyance and are now conducting the private members' business which means that Bill C-230 will not reach us at eight o'clock. I do not know if the leader has the same information, but I suggest that it would be useless for us to meet at eight o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Martin: What about nine o'clock?

Hon. Mr. Flynn: I do not think we will even have the bill at nine o'clock. As I have already told the leader, we do not intend to delay the passage of this bill.

Hon. Mr. Martin: I realize that.

Hon. Mr. Flynn: We will have some observations to make, of course. In any event, I do not feel we will gain anything by coming back tonight. I will not object if the Leader of the Government insists on coming back at eight o'clock, but I do not feel anything will be accomplished by it. We may or may not get other legislation from the other place tomorrow. It is possible, but not likely. As far as the time of our return next week is concerned, we could have private discussions about that later.

Hon. Mr. Martin: I have now received further information and the situation is exactly as the Leader of the Opposition has stated it. I understand one honourable member refused to give consent to suspend the private members' hour. But there is still hope that Bill C-230 can be passed shortly after eight o'clock. In view of that, would it not be sensible for us to meet at nine o'clock? Perhaps I am wrong, but at least no one could say we did