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2.30 o'clock p.m.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Whelan, from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development, presented the Fourth Report of the said Committee which is as follows:

In accordance with its Order of Reference of March 22, 1966, the Committee had before it for consideration, the items listed in the Main Estimates for 1966-67 relating to the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee has considered and approved the Main Estimates 1966-67 of the Department of Agriculture, namely: Items 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55 and 60, and commends them to the House for approval.

Your Committee wishes to express its appreciation to all those who presented evidence, and in particular The Hon. J. J. Greene, Minister of Agriculture; Mr. S. C. Barry, Deputy Minister; Mr. S. B. Williams, Assistant Deputy Minister, Production and Marketing Branch and Chairman of the Agricultural Stabilization Board; and Mr. J. S. Parker, Director General, Departmental Administration.

Your Committee would like to make the following recommendations:

*Administration*

Your Committee, during the many meetings it held, could not help noting that across the country the many jurisdictions cause inequalities and other difficulties that make it more difficult for the Canadian farmer to operate. It is your Committee's view that Canada in conjunction with the provinces should develop a more coherent and systematic set of agriculture policies that would have equal application across the country.

Your Committee is concerned that the stabilization of agricultural produce under the present system cannot always achieve the desired results. It is the Committee's opinion that the Department of Agriculture should study the