

*Canadian Wheat Board Act*

ent types of wheat. We are not living in a stagnant world. If that attitude had prevailed years ago, we would still be plowing our fields with oxen and riding around in buggies. The government should become involved in research. It should realize that there are advances to be made and that this bill would be an advance. I think the farmers of western Canada would go for it. We are not asking them to give up growing good wheat. We are asking that the other wheat be used. Let us establish another industry. It would mean more jobs. There are a million people unemployed because the government has no initiative. It does not want to turn to research, it does not want to rock the boat. It wants to leave everything the way it is. This is why we are going backwards. It is the old turkey dance—one step forward and about five steps backward. This bill should be passed. Farmers should be given an opportunity to say whether they want to do it or not.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. René Cousineau (Gatineau):** Mr. Speaker, I did not intend to speak to this bill because I know the hon. member who introduced it is very interested in renewable energy. Now,

after reading the bill as well as several press releases, I cannot help but object to the bill itself.

This bill, Mr. Speaker, referred to as the Bill to Amend the Canadian Wheat Board Act, is aimed at extending the objects and powers of the Canadian Wheat Board so as to allow it to purchase and market surplus or deteriorating grain for eventual use in the production of fuel alcohol, or farm ethanol, as this surplus is called. Now, I do not think that a country like Canada, which has an excellent reputation as a top quality wheat producer, would purposely produce wheat for the production of fuel alcohol. For the last 25 years Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. The hour provided for the consideration of private members' business has now expired.

[*English*]

It being five o'clock, the House stands adjourned until Monday next at 2 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

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

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