

*Milk Producers*

try. We favour all that. One thing is sure, the dairy industry is not in an easy situation and government can very easily deal with that matter. Once again, dairy producers are quite ready to offer their long-term co-operation in order to find a formula which could be fairer for everybody.

Therefore I hope that the government will answer positively to the brief submitted to them and I challenge anybody to question these briefs. I have not prepared them myself, I do not have the ability to do so. I have considered them and I believe that they are worthwhile. Some members applaud when I admit that I do not have the ability to prepare such brief I only told the truth. I have nothing against someone who tells the truth.

The figures quoted by the hon. Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) come certainly from his office. They are well prepared, well documented, and his officials are capable to provide him with the required documents. They have been set forth by my hon. friend from Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin). They have been repeated by my hon. friend from Frontenac (Mr. Corriveau). And both have told the truth. I do not contest those data. I am sorry for the situation, I deplore those data and I urge the government to take action on this situation which hurts and about which the dairy producers are expecting action from the government.

**Mr. Claude Tessier (Compton):** Mr. Speaker, by making speeches at this period of the year and at such an hour, we raise questions in this House and throughout Canada. I am wondering about procedures, because at a time when we should be in summer recess, and at least outside Ottawa, if we must sit, let us limit ourselves strictly to urgent matters. Moreover, I believe this involves politicians' credibility, and also opposition and government capability. One thing is certain, there must be a problem of procedure—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. I must stress to the hon. member that the time imparted to private members' business is limited. Other members did show an interest in the matter under debate, and I would invite the hon. member to come to the subject matter, as quickly as possible in order that other members may also bring their contribution.

**Mr. Tessier:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Coming to the motion, I would first concur with the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Corriveau) who in my view eloquently stated the policies, as far as milk is concerned.

I believe the hon. member for Joliette (Mr. La Salle) had an excellent preamble. Unfortunately, I am afraid his conclusion was somewhat overstated, because I feel the government did not cheat producers far from that when they offered, at the beginning of April, \$11.02 for their products.

I feel the present milk policy—

**An hon. Member:** No one got that.

**Mr. Tessier:** No one got that, but the government offered it. I also believe that the milk policy is appreciated in the whole when it is fully understood.

I would mention the very positive contribution the Agricultural Producers' Union and the producers' associa-

tions have been very regularly making to hon. members. I believe their representations add something, and the development of a milk policy for milk producers is a matter of team work. They came here, we heard them, we made our own representations, and finally comes the time for a decision and that decision must be based on a milk policy.

As for the statements made by the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin), they do not contain any coherent policy as far as I am concerned. In my opinion, they represent a caricature of I know not what kind of agriculture, but one thing is sure, they do not even represent a caricature of Canadian agriculture, being so distant from the realities our own type of agriculture.

I also feel it is appropriate to remind our friends on the other side that once again today they are giving us the opportunity to decry what they have always been decrying haphazardly as being political partisanship. They are always telling us: "We are not offering you miracle solutions without any partisanship." But when we refuse to play the same game, then we are accused of being members of old parties, either "red" or "blue". There are and there will always be some who accept to play that game.

At this moment, I am presenting the problem fairly and squarely—

[*English*]

**Mr. Alkenbrack:** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, does the hon. member think that, just because we oppose a penalty of 90 cents a hundred on industrial milk powder resulting from the inefficiency of the marketing programs of the government, we are playing politics?

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Tessier:** I am sorry, Mr. Speaker. I did not hear the beginning of the comments of the hon. member, but I would like to use my time to go on putting forward my views about the dairy policy.

I was just about to say that what we are suggesting to the Opposition is a serious administration, a sense of responsibility which Canadians can be proud of and also a sense of decision which, I agree, do not go with unapplicable political theories, nurtured illusions, lies, and half truths which cause Parliament to suffer from a lack of credibility on occasion and become a monumental joke.

I believe that there are accomplices of this joke, and they are not on this side of the House, but on the other side.

I am definitely opposed to the proposal of the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin), because it does not take into account the present agricultural policy. The principle he wants to defend seems well founded and valid, but I believe that if we want to talk about the true issue at this time, we must do so in terms of over-production and marketing.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. I must interrupt the hon. member. The hour appointed for the consideration of private members' business has now expired. It being five o'clock, this House stands adjourned until Monday at two o'clock.

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