

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Thursday, September 29, 1983

The House met at 11 a.m.

● (1110)

## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

### WESTERN GRAIN TRANSPORTATION ACT

#### MEASURE TO ESTABLISH

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-155, an Act to facilitate the transportation, shipping and handling of western grain and to amend certain Acts in consequence thereof, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Transport.

**Madam Speaker:** Hon. Members are aware, of course, that there are a great many report stage motions on the Notice Paper relating to Bill C-155. I have had an opportunity to examine a number of the motions and I am ready this morning to make what I will call a preliminary ruling. The Chair must say that the Table officers have worked through the night in order to examine these motions and to do some of the groupings which allow us to enter into debate today. Hon. Members will understand, however, that it was not possible to go through the totality of these motions, and I would be prepared to rule on the others later.

● (1115)

The Chair is concerned about the procedural acceptability of Motion No. 1 since it seeks to introduce a disguised preamble and it is extremely difficult to amend the Bill in such a way as to include a preamble. As far as the Chair is concerned, this motion does not meet the very stringent conditions imposed on such amendments.

I hope the House Leaders have a copy of this ruling. I asked that it be distributed because I think it is easier for Members to follow if they have a copy. Does the Hon. Member for Hamilton Mountain (Mr. Deans) have a copy of this?

**Mr. Deans:** Yes, I have.

**Madam Speaker:** The Minister has a copy.

Motions Nos. 2 and 59, Motions Nos. 3 and 4 and Motions Nos. 5 and 61 cause the Chair some misgiving as they appear to go beyond the scope of the Bill, and Motions Nos. 5 and 61 appear to be substantive amendments being introduced into an interpretation clause which, as Hon. Members know, is not procedurally acceptable.

Motions Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 66 and 67, which appear to be related, are also of concern to the Chair as they appear to be contrary to the intent and purpose of the Bill as it was read a second time. Certainly some of them appear to infringe upon the financial initiative of the Crown.

Motions Nos. 13 and 14 appear to be substantive amendments to the interpretation clause and beyond the scope of the Bill. Thus the Chair has serious reservations about allowing them to be put to the House. Motions Nos. 15, 16, 17 and 134 give the Chair similar problems.

Motion No. 18 also gives the Chair misgivings as the Hon. Member appears to be attempting to enlarge the interpretation clause. Further, it would seem that the motion is substantive in relation to the interpretation clause and is beyond the scope of the Bill.

Motions Nos. 19 and 70 appear to be beyond the scope of the Bill and, in effect, seek to destroy the purpose of the Bill which the House has already approved in principle.

Motion No. 20 also appears to be beyond the scope of the Bill as read a second time, and the same reasoning applies to Motion No. 21 and to Motions Nos. 22 and 23, as it does to Motions Nos. 36 and 41.

Motions Nos. 24, 25, 26 and 29 standing in the name of the Hon. Member for Regina West (Mr. Benjamin), and Motion No. 27 standing in the name of the Hon. Member for Assiniboia (Mr. Gustafson) appear acceptable to the Chair and should all be grouped for debate. Motion No. 24 should be voted on separately and an affirmative vote on Motion No. 25 would also dispose of Motions Nos. 26 and 27; however, a negative vote on Motion No. 25 would require further voting on Motions Nos. 26 and 27. Motion No. 29 will be voted on separately.

Motion No. 28 appears to the Chair to be beyond the scope of the Bill and thus should not be proceeded with.

Motions Nos. 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35 should each be debated and voted on separately.

Motions Nos. 37 and 38 will be debated together but will be voted on separately.

Motions Nos. 39 and 40 should be grouped for debate and an affirmative vote on Motion No. 39 will dispose of Motion No. 40.

Motions Nos. 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46 will be grouped for debate but ought to be voted on separately.

Motions Nos. 47, 48 and 49 will be grouped for debate and Motion No. 47 will be voted on separately. An affirmative vote on Motion No. 48 will dispose of Motion No. 49; however, a