position. During my long years in this House of Commons I have always had deep respect for the Chair. I appreciate the difficult position the Chair is in in maintaining decorum in the House of Commons. I apologize to you, Sir, if I may have in any way imputed motives in respect of your decision to recognize a third member on the government side in this debate on the last day for legislation before the summer recess. However, I could not help but rise because the hon member for Bruce (Mr. Whicher made a speech in which he castigated me as the villain of all villains who argued that this bill should be held up. I urge—

Some hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Horner: —that the House hear the hon. member for Pembina at this time so that we might make our position clear, because of the charges laid by the hon. member for Bruce and the fact that we have put up only one speaker in the last two hours of this debate.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. The Chair is grateful for the remarks of the hon. member. The floor had been given by the Chair to the hon. member for Lac-St. Jean (Mr. Lessard). I do not know how long he will take, but perhaps there will be an opportunity for the hon. member for Pembina to speak afterwards.

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order-

Mr. Bigg: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of privilege. I have been on my feet continually tonight seeking my turn. I appreciate the political expediency of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) in getting to his feet to move a phony motion. He did not have the floor by right because he knew that one of his own speakers had just resumed his seat.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. Before recognizing the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, the Chair feels the hon. member should not impute motives to hon. members of the House. I think the best way to proceed would be to permit the hon. member who had the floor to make his remarks, and then there might be a possibility of correcting the situation.

Mr. Bigg: Mr. Speaker, I hasten to withdraw any imputation of motive in respect of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre. In any event, his action was very effective in preventing my having an opportunity to speak for my party in defence of our policy.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, on a question of privilege, I thank the hon. member for Pembina (Mr. Bigg) for withdrawing the accusation of any false motive but I think he should also withdraw his suggestion that I did not have the floor as of right.

Mr. Bigg: You did not.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, the Chair gave me the floor and any criticism in this respect would be against the Chair and should not be allowed.

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Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order-

Mr. Bigg: The hon, member for Winnipeg North Centre—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order.

Mr. Bigg: —has heard me say I do not impute any motives, but I merely draw attention to the fact that it is a very effective move. As a senior member of this House, he well knew the opportunity he had to step up and have a third opportunity to speak before this party had a chance to have its say.

Mr. Olson: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker, I wonder in view of what has happened in the last few minutes if you might ask for unanimous consent to adjourn this debate. I knew I had already participated in this matter and therefore could not have the floor to move the motion. That is why I make this request. If there should be disposition on the part of hon. members to do so, it seems to me we might adjourn this debate and go on.

Mr. Horner: No, not now. We gave you your chance.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order. There is not agreement. The hon. member for Lac-Saint-Jean (Mr. Lessard).

[Translation]

Mr. Marcel Lessard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I should like to assure my friends on the other side that I shall not take too long, and that I shall give the hon. member for Pembina (Mr. Bigg) an opportunity to make his point. To this end and so that all members may have enough time to consider Bill C-176 and have it sent to the Senate, I move under Standing Order 6(5)(a):

That this sitting be extended beyond the normal hour of adjournment so as to carry on with consideration of Bill C-176 until midnight, or until it has been disposed of.

• (9:50 p.m.)

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Lac-Saint-Jean. Before putting the motion to the House, the Chair feels that it should inform hon. members of the procedure on this kind of motion. After it is put, the Chair will ask hon. members who oppose the motion to rise in their place and if ten members or more stand up, automatically the motion is withdrawn; otherwise it is accepted.

All those opposed to the motion will please rise.

And more than ten members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): The motion is withdrawn.

Motion withdrawn.

[Translation]

Mr. Lessard (Lac-Saint-Jean): Mr. Speaker,—