

of the company. In this case, I did what I had already done four times before concerning other motions of this type moved by the same Member and requesting the tabling of documents which are considered privileged by the Department and the company.

Mr. Speaker, since I have very little time left, I would like to take a few minutes to tell the House about the intentions of the Foreign Investment Review Agency for the next few years because recently people have been asking the Department whether the Agency really does allow foreign investment in Canada, in view of some suggestion to the contrary. Many people say that if such were the case, the Agency does nothing to promote the use of foreign capital for the development of our country.

I just want to tell the House that after looking into the matter we have found that most of the foreign companies which agree to abide by the social requirements of Canada and to reinvest in this country are then authorized to locate just about anywhere in the country. The Agency is particularly careful not to let a foreign company settling in Canada undermine existing industries. The Agency is very cautious in this regard. I believe that my time has expired, Madam Speaker.

THE ROYAL ASSENT

[Translation]

A message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Madam Speaker, the Honourable Deputy to the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the Chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Madam Speaker with the House went up to the Senate Chamber.

And being returned:

Madam Speaker: Order, please. I have the honour to inform the House that when the House went up to the Senate Chamber the Deputy Governor General had been pleased to give in Her Majesty's name the Royal Assent to the following bills:

Bill C-129, An Act to amend the Bretton Woods Agreements Act and the International Development Association Act—Chapter No. 128;

Bill C-90, An Act to amend the Customs Tariff and to repeal certain Acts in consequence thereof—Chapter No. 129;

Bill C-135, An Act to amend the National Housing Act (No. 2)—Chapter No. 130;

Bill C-134, An Act respecting rebates of interest on farm loans made under the Farm Credit Act—Chapter No. 131;

Bill C-140, An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for the Government of Canada for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1983—Chapter No. 132.

Time Allocation

It being six o'clock, I do now leave the chair until 8 p.m.

At 6.08 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 8 p.m.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

ALLOCATION OF TIME TO CONSIDER REPORT STAGE AND THIRD READING OF BILL C-85

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Whelan:

That, in relation to Bill C-85, an Act to establish a corporation called Canagrex to promote, facilitate and engage in the export of agricultural and food products from Canada, one sitting day shall be allotted to the consideration of each of the report stage and the third reading stage of the Bill; and

That fifteen minutes before the expiry of the time provided for Government business on those days, any proceedings before the House shall be interrupted, if required, for the purpose of this Order and, in turn, every question then necessary in order to dispose of the stage of the Bill then under consideration shall be put forthwith and successively without further debate or amendment.

Mr. Doug Neil (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have the opportunity to take part in the debate this evening. I want to say first that I was absolutely shocked the other night when I heard the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan), while speaking on an income tax Bill, give notice of closure.

The Minister talked about the length of time that we had spent on this Bill. He talked about some 82 hours. However, he did not say that most of that time had been spent in Committee where we were listening to witnesses from across Canada express their views on Canagrex. He did not say that of the 30-odd organizations which appeared before the Committee, well over 20 did not agree with the legislation, either in part or in total. He attempted to give the impression that the farmers and organizations across Canada are completely supportive.

The Minister talked about democracy, the mother of parliaments, and the fact that in Britain there is a time limitation on debates. If one examines the records, one will note that at the report stage of this Bill, the stage we are now at, there has been a total of 90 minute's debate. In the report stage, there are some 14 amendments to the Bill that have to be discussed and examined, yet the Minister talks of the mother of parliaments and time allocation and democracy. Is this democracy that he is talking about?

A short time ago I received a document. It has not received general distribution. The document is entitled "Canagrex: