

Prairie Grain Stabilization Act

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): It is wrong, anyway.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): \$113 million from—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. Hon. members know—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please.

Mr. Horner: Count the parliamentary secretaries again. Have them do your adding for you.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. Hon. members know they cannot intervene in a debate without first seeking the permission of the Chair. It is very difficult for the Chair to follow the debate, hear the different points that are raised between members and try to apply the rules all at the same time. While hon. members are making noise or attempting to intervene, they are preventing other members from hearing what the minister is saying. The Chair asks for the co-operation of hon. members.

Mr. Woolliams: What's \$10 million?

Mr. Richardson: The figures I have given are correct. There will be a federal government payment of more than \$170 million in the three year period compared with \$113 million under the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act. The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) is correct in pointing out that the difference between those two figures is clearly \$57 million.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Korchinski: You have to reduce that amount by the 2 per cent—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please.

Mr. Richardson: Now that the figures have been put on the record, I would like to move to the second reason for moving urgently with this legislation.

Mr. Horner: What about PFAA?

Mr. Richardson: The value of the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act to western farmers is declining each year. The figures dropped from \$62 million to \$31 million, and then to below \$20 million.

Mr. Horner: That is wrong.

Mr. Richardson: As far as the western farmer is concerned, the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act is a slowly sinking ship.

Mr. Dinsdale: It is being lowered by the government.

Mr. Richardson: We do not mind if the members of the opposition want to stay on board that ship. What we object to is the fact that they want to bring the western Canadian farmer on board with them.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. The hon. member for Crowfoot is seeking the floor.

Mr. Horner: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. The minister has projected some figures. He has gone into a lengthy description of the crop year. We know what he means by the crop year. I want to ask him the source of those figures, which he said are accurate. He said the payments under the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act would be down from \$60 million to \$30 million.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please.

Mr. Horner: If he thinks those figures are right—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. The hon. member for Crowfoot may have a point for debate, but it is hardly a point of order.

Mr. Horner: If he wants us to believe those figures, he has to give us the source.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. The hon. member seeks the floor on a point of order.

Mr. MacInnis: It is the same point of order as that raised by the hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner). If a member of this House quotes from a document, any member is entitled to know the source of that document. In fact, he is entitled to have that document tabled.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. members will have to pardon the Chair. I have just assumed the Chair, and at this point I am not sure of the source of the figures. I would like the minister to continue for the time being.

Mr. Richardson: I will continue, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Horner: You cannot substantiate them.

Mr. Richardson: I can substantiate them.

Mr. Horner: Put the source on the record. You cannot do it.

Mr. Richardson: They were supplied by the office of my colleague, the minister responsible for the Wheat Board.

Mr. Horner: Let him put the record straight then.

Mr. Peters: They are phony like the Prime Minister and his figures, really phony.

Mr. Richardson: The observation of the hon. member is correct. These figures have also been made public by the Prime Minister.

Mr. Horner: He did not identify his source over television, and you cannot produce your source now. They are both false.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Horner: They are false.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The Minister of Supply and Services has the floor. We should try to hear him, and then other members may contribute to the debate.