

Grievance Procedure

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Oberle: As these commodity groups are finding it difficult to break even and maintain employment at their plants, surely the government should respond by stepping in and helping. It can do this through the normal channels without setting up another bureaucracy. It can do it through the chartered banks. After all, it has helped other industries by establishing marketing boards. It has helped the farm community by making available to it the advantages of section 88 of the relevant legislation. The government, by helping through the chartered banks, would enable these industries to keep going. If such help had been given in the current crisis it would mean that 35,000 people now unemployed in British Columbia would not be on the unemployment insurance rolls. The government could take a position in these commodity groups and ask the chartered banks to maintain inventory control. If the market price were to improve, the federal government could see to it that these commodities are made available to the domestic market. That is the way to bring about full employment—

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: Order, please.

Mr. Oberle: Madam Chairman, do you mean that I cannot ask my question?

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: Order, please. It being 5.45 p.m., it is my duty, pursuant to section 9(a) of Standing Order 58, to interrupt these proceedings and to put forthwith every question necessary to dispose of the proceedings.

The question is on the amendment—

Some hon. Members: Out. Get out.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: May I remind hon. members that when the Chairman is putting the question no member shall enter, walk out, cross the floor of the House, or make any noise or disturbance. As I said, the question is on the amendment.

Amendment (Mr. Hees) negatived: Yeas, 59; nays, 76.

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: I declare the amendment lost.

Shall Industry, Trade and Commerce—Vote 1 carry?

Mr. Baldwin: On division.

Industry, Trade and Commerce—Vote 1 agreed to.

The Assistant Deputy Chairman: Shall I report the resolution?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT SOUGHT FOR GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, in the few minutes left I should like to take advantage—

[The Assistant Deputy Chairman.]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. Perhaps the hon. member will allow the Chair to seek unanimous consent of the House.

An hon. Member: Surely that is not necessary.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. As hon. members are aware, the grievance procedure we have followed on the last three occasions when we considered estimates in committee of the whole is not included in the report and is not in our standing orders. At this time I would normally be seeking to adjourn the House, pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 2(1). I think the procedure we followed the last several times might be worth pursuing. I hope that the House will at least give me the chance to ask whether there is unanimous consent for the grievance procedure which the hon. member seeks to follow.

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, the procedure which has been followed in the final few minutes on the last three occasions is unusual. Perhaps the opposition will agree that whoever speaks on its behalf should only take half the time.

Mr. Stanfield: That's fair enough. We are not like the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau).

● (1750)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The remarks of the government House leader prove that it is worthwhile to ask unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I just want to say with regard to the division of time that we will follow the Trudeau principle.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I want to rise, if I might—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

[Translation]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member for Longueuil (Mr. Olivier) on a point of order.

Mr. Olivier: I just would like to emphasize to the Chair that I have not given my consent. Therefore, there is no unanimous consent.

[English]

Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton): Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. I will have to call it six o'clock.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. It was never in the rules of this House that there was a grievance that could be ventilated in this way. It was always by tradition. That was done for many, many years.