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before the Commission or the Courts to secure any of the remedies herein provided.

(b) Where any remedy, against a railway company, other than the remedies provided herein, is available to shippers pursuant to this Act, the Railway Act, or the National Transportation Act, the Administrator is deemed to be a shipper and he may pursue such a remedy or remedies and any remedy or remedies he obtains, shall to the fullest possible degree, apply to all grain shippers."

and by renumbering the subsequent clauses accordingly.

You will understand that there is no provision which is similar, Madam Speaker. There is a motion on the Order Paper in similar but not identical terms. This is a stronger provision, a provision out of the Railway Act, which will allow the railways to provide adequate equipment to move grain across the country. While there is a similar provision in the motion on the Bill, this is much stronger in that it allows the Senior Grain Transportation Administrator to be given power to act as the shipper on behalf of producers and to go to court and pursue legal proceedings.

Accordingly, because I think this is a matter of very serious interest, I would ask you to seek the unanimous consent of the House that the motion as read be placed on the Order Paper for debate during consideration of report stage of Bill C-155, an Act to facilitate the transportation, shipping and handling of western grain and to amend certain Acts in consequence thereof.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent for waiving of notice for the amendments proposed by the Hon. Member for Saskatoon West?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Madam Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

Mr. Oberle: Madam Speaker, it will be immediately apparent that the Government might have made a grave error had it not permitted, or indeed, had you not permitted, the reading of some of these motions, because the motion that I am seeking consent for—

Madam Speaker: Order, please. I ask Hon. Members not to debate. They should use the simple formula, "Could the House give me unanimous consent for so and so". That is all I will allow.

Mr. Oberle: Madam Speaker, of course I respect your ruling. I will ask the House Leader of the Government, through you, whether it would not be in the interests of the Government to give unanimous consent to the following motion:

That Bill C-155 be amended by adding immediately after line 43 at page 16 the following:

"Agreement with railway companies other than railway companies subject to the jurisdiction of Parliament

34.(1) The Minister may, on behalf of Her Majesty, enter into agreements with railway companies in Section 2, where he finds that such railway companies carry grain from any point on their lines of railway west of

Thunder Bay or Armstrong to Thunder Bay, Armstrong, Churchill or a port in British Columbia for export.

(2) Any agreement entered into by the parties pursuant to subsection (1) shall impose obligations and grant rights which are in no substantive way any different from the obligations and rights contained in this Act, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such agreement shall

(a) not result in any enlargement of the Crow Benefit as defined in Section 34(1);

(b) impose on the railway company a requirement that it be subject to the same obligations which are imposed by this Act on railway companies as defined in Section 2;

(c) be subject to revision whenever any review of costing or other issues is performed pursuant to any provision of this Act; and,

(d) be subject to any regulations made pursuant to Section 69."

and by renumbering the subsequent clauses accordingly.

Naturally, Madam Speaker, I would also ask consent that any subsequent clauses be accordingly renumbered. I ask that you seek the unanimous consent of the House for this motion since Bill C-155 explicitly deletes one of our major railways in the country. Naturally—

Madam Speaker: Order. The Hon. Member is beyond reading his amendment. Has he finished reading his amendment to the House?

Mr. Oberle: The amendment is read, Madam Speaker, and I ask that you put the motion.

Madam Speaker: Is there unanimous consent?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

Madam Speaker: There is not unanimous consent.

Mr. McKnight: Madam Speaker, I rise on House business to ask the consent of the Acting Government House Leader, in the interest of facilitating debate and improving Bill C-155, if the Government would be prepared to consent to allow the following motion to be put to the House:

That Bill C-155 be amended by adding immediately after line 3 at page 1 the following:

"1. It is hereby declared that an economic, efficient and reliable grain transportation system making the best use of all available modes of transportation at the lowest total cost is essential to protect the interests of the grain producers and to maintain the economic well-being and growth of western Canada, and that these objectives are most likely to be achieved under conditions ensuring that

(a) grain producers retain the benefit of a statutory freight rate and are protected from freight rate increases disproportionate to international grain prices;

(b) the railway companies and the Government of Canada accept a continuing obligation to provide—

Mr. Flis: Madam Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I am following Motion No. 1 and so far the words are identical. Would the Hon. Member please indicate to the House how his new amendment differs from Motion No. 1 on the Order Paper?

Mr. McKnight: Madam Speaker, I do not want to embarrass the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport