

Mr. OLSON: Did you have concurrence by the caucus in Ottawa?

Mr. MOLGAT: We do not deal directly with the caucus in these matters. We deal with the general party structure and it was accepted by and large by the party.

Mr. OLSON: Then I suppose we can conclude you are asking members of others parties to assist you in reconciling your family problems?

Mr. MOLGAT: I am not aware of any great family problems in our party, Mr. Olson. I am aware that there are some difficulties in others.

The CHAIRMAN: I wonder if Mr. Molgat is aware that he is agreeing with Mr. Enns here today, too.

Mr. OLSON: That was my next question, but I will pass now.

The CHAIRMAN: I would ask Mr. Schreyer, who is back now, to question. I called you and we looked under the table, but you were not there.

Mr. SCHREYER: Mr. Chairman, I hope one can take two minutes to go to the washroom around here, or do you object? Are you calling on me, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, you intimated you wanted to ask a question.

Mr. SCHREYER: Mr. Molgat, I refer you to page 3 of your brief where the heading "Major Policies" appears. I note that you put forward as major policy No. 1 the increase in initial payments. Of course, most members of the Committee would agree that it is a logical proposition to advance that the initial payment be, in fact, increased by an amount somewhere within the range of the figures you put forward.

The CHAIRMAN: May I interject, Mr. Schreyer? All this has been thoroughly aired in an answer by one of the other witnesses when you were out of the room.

Mr. SCHREYER: Well, Mr. Chairman, I was just coming to the question. While this may be a desirable proposition, just what will this mean in terms of dollars and cents to the average Manitoba farm operation? By that, I mean an operation in the order of 500 or 600 acres. What will this translate into in dollars and cents?

Mr. MOLGAT: I do not think I can answer that question completely myself, Mr. Schreyer, but I would be very happy to have one of my colleagues here who is directly in the business—

Mr. SCHREYER: Mr. Molgat, while your colleague is working that out in an approximate way, which is all I am asking, I will go on to page 4 where you put forward as your major policy recommendation No. 2 a reference to the Canadian Livestock Feed Board. I would ask you this: Would you still oppose the Canadian Livestock Feed Board if it were self-sustaining or self-financing in the same sense that the Canadian Wheat Board is self-financing? If this were so would you still feel somewhat opposed to its operation because you fear the transactions between the two boards may not be arm's length transactions?

Mr. MOLGAT: Yes, we are somewhat fearful that this could end in the wheat board, and thereby the producer in the west, not getting the full price for his product. That is really the concern. If we had assurance that would not be so,