

*National Harbours Board Act*

they have not had for many years, brought about by the Conservative government.

Now, I want to answer some of the hon. members from Toronto. They are the kind of boys who say that the money that comes from the Canadian wheat board to the farmers in western Canada comes from the treasury of Canada. I would point out to them that the Canadian wheat board operates a pooling arrangement, and the second and third payments are payments that arise because the wheat has been sold at a higher price than the initial price paid at the time the farmers delivered it to the elevators. There is no give-away program for the farmers. They are independent people, and they will agree with the remarks I made this afternoon earlier in another debate.

When the Secretary of State rose this afternoon and, with his usual graciousness, said as the bill was out of order we could now turn it into a notice of motion, I thought this was a new era. I said there was a man I could be most fond of. Then I realized he had a little agreement with the Minister of Trade and Commerce to use private members' hour to get the fact across that there was going to be a problem in marketing wheat.

**Mr. Whelan:** Would the hon. member permit a question?

**Mr. Woolliams:** Certainly. Coming from you I would enjoy a question.

**Mr. Whelan:** Would the hon. member say if the government he supported is going to take credit for the drought in China too?

**Mr. Woolliams:** Mr. Speaker, there is a real intelligent member. He is talking about drought in China. We have had droughts in China and India before, but the thing is that the aggressive Conservative government went out to China and sold grain to feed the people—

**Mr. Sharp:** On a point of privilege—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order.

**Mr. Woolliams:** I only have a few minutes left, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Sharp:** I rise only on a point of privilege, Mr. Speaker. I had every intention of participating in this debate, and had ever since the hon. member put his bill on the order paper. I felt there would have been disappointment if we had not an opportunity of debating it, but if anyone in the house had taken exception to this procedure I would not have had this opportunity.

**Mr. Woolliams:** I do not know if that is a point of privilege, Mr. Speaker, but I do know our government went out and found the markets. It was not like the previous

administration which lost the grain markets, which allowed the wheat and other cereals to pile up on the farms. So far as the Minister of Trade and Commerce is concerned I do not know what he has to do with it. Probably he does not understand the problems of the western and eastern farmers.

**Mr. Walker:** You are the only one.

**Mr. Woolliams:** In fact the Liberals have only one member from western Canada. He lives in the city of Calgary where he is the mayor. We have noticed he is often absent from the house, and he is probably not able to give this the interest that he might.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** May I suggest to the hon. member that he attempt to limit his remarks to the subject matter that is now before the house.

**An hon. Member:** That is very hard for him.

**Mr. Woolliams:** I was just going to say this: with the absence of the Minister of Agriculture that is the reason no doubt they assessed the situation and the wheat board moved back under the Department of Trade and Commerce, and that is the reason I think the Minister of Trade and Commerce made his statement with reference to the fact that he was not going to go overseas and try to negotiate other deals in wheat.

*(Translation):*

**Mr. C. A. Gauthier (Roberval):** Mr. Speaker, I think that the previous speaker has taken much time. I even thought that he would kill the bill of the hon. member for Humboldt-Melfort-Tisdale (Mr. Rapp).

Nevertheless, I congratulate the sponsor of Bill C-8 proposing that a public grain elevator be constructed at Tisdale. However, such an urgent need surprises me because the member's government has had all the opportunities to treat Saskatchewan well. Was the member so shy with his leader that he could not state his requirements? It is a farce, since the opposition has just been turned out of office, which seemed too heavy a load to carry.

The hon. member speaks about a possible reduction of export prices. We, of Quebec, agree with this, but we still wonder why the Conservative party did not take action along that line.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

*(Text):*

**Mr. Rapp:** Mr. Speaker, on a point of order, pursuant to the agreement entered into with regard to my bill I ask leave of the house to withdraw it. I have done this very reluctantly, but this one hour debate was not a funeral for my bill. It was only the birth of a new baby that I will discuss much more in the hours to come.