

**Mr. Horner:** Some member from Saskatchewan who should know better than you or I, Mr. Speaker, suggests they cannot even find a candidate in Assiniboia.

**Mr. Boulanger:** That is the old one you pulled yesterday.

**Mr. Horner:** I did not speak yesterday. The point I am attempting to make, Mr. Speaker, is that there is no advantage in including rye, flaxseed and rapeseed under this cash advance legislation unless the government is prepared to commit itself and say it will give half the value of the crop as a cash advance. This, of course, was what happened in 1957 when the cash advance legislation was first introduced. At that time it was stated absolutely that half the value would be advanced to a farmer interest free. If that principle were incorporated in this bill, without naming the amount of dollars available, then the bill might be piloted through this House with greater ease. The minister, however, has drafted a bill which will bail out the government and only bring harm to those farmers who are having a difficult time now. I regret very much that the two ministers in charge of the agriculture industry can sit in this House and be so hard and callous as to say the interest rate will go up in respect of a portion of the agricultural industry which they know needs help. I regret very much that anyone in charge of the agricultural industry could do such a thing to the farmers of Canada today.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member's time has expired. Is the House ready for the question?

**Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek):** No, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Boulanger:** Filibuster again.

**Mr. McIntosh:** Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to support the amendment moved by the hon. member for Palliser (Mr. Schumacher) and seconded by the hon. member for Meadow Lake (Mr. Cadieu) to the effect that this bill be not read a second time but be read a second time this day six months hence. I am very pleased to support this amendment because of the very words spoken by the hon. member for Crowfoot. We on this side of the House challenge the government, and the two ministers in question today, to go to the Prime Minister and ask him to call an election within a period of six months. Then, they will find out what the farmers think about their agricultural policy.

**Mr. Boulanger:** That is why you are talking; you are going to an election.

**Mr. McIntosh:** We challenge the government to call an election because every day we wait we gain more votes from the farmers.

**Mr. Boulanger:** You are a politician and a small-time one, too. I thought you were a legislator but you are a small-time politician.

*Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act*

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. The Chair is having a little difficulty in following the hon. member who has the floor because of the interjections by the hon. member for Mercier. If the hon. member for Mercier wishes to contribute to the debate, he knows he should rise in his place. He is an experienced member.

**Mr. Boulanger:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I would like to contribute but when I hear members having fun in this manner I am so ashamed I do not think I will bother talking.

**Mr. McIntosh:** Is that a promise?

**Mr. Boulanger:** Yes.

**Mr. McIntosh:** Mr. Speaker, I am somewhat like you. I have difficulty trying to make my speech with interjections such as the hon. member has made. I certainly did not catch what the hon. member's point of order was. I missed something. Would he repeat what he said?

**Mr. Boulanger:** Later.

**Mr. McIntosh:** So long as you keep your promise; do not be like the Minister of Agriculture and break it. That is all I am worried about. I believe the Minister of Agriculture made a comment. I did not hear what he had to say. The last time he said that he did not listen to me. Would the minister repeat what he said?

**Mr. Olson:** I am listening.

**Mr. McIntosh:** At least I have an audience of one. The hon. member for Crowfoot issued a challenge to the government to go to the country on its agricultural policy to see what would happen. We can tell you beforehand what would happen. There are two ministers, sitting in this House who are supposed to be representing agriculture. The point has been made about the by-election in Assiniboia. I am sure many people across this country are wondering why it was not called at the time the other two by-elections were called. I am sure we guess correctly when we say the Prime Minister, because of the intervention of these two ministers, thinks it would be more desirable to call an election after they have an opportunity to give back the \$100 million they think they will give back out of the \$140 million they have taken from the farmers. The people of western Canada are not that gullible. They know what the government is doing and they know what it intends to do. We challenge the government to call that by-election in Assiniboia, and let them see what will happen to them.

• (4:30 p.m.)

**Mr. Boulanger:** I wish to rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I wonder if the hon. member who has been speaking would want me to give him an answer about that by-election. I am ready to give it.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please.