

This day had been designated an Opposition Day and should that occur we would not be able to get to this legislation tomorrow. I do not know when the Senate would be able to handle it, and that could make several unnecessary days of delay in the restarting of grain movements, to nobody's advantage.

What I would like to propose is an extraordinary measure in a sense, that the House in essence start the second reading debate in the expectation of receiving the royal recommendation which I understand may be right there so we could complete first reading introduction that was called for.

The second reading can start with agreement that it shall not go past one o'clock. We would use that period to see if we could reach some accommodation in treating the bill for the rest of the day. I know there is a desire for Committee of the Whole discussion.

If no agreement is reached, we could go to Government Orders on the return of the House after Question Period with the understanding that the Opposition Day would be postponed until tomorrow.

The fact that that is a Friday rather than a Thursday would be acknowledged by allowing the Liberal Party the first right of refusal, so to speak, of the next Opposition Day to make up for any perceived loss of position in that regard.

That is rather complex, but I think it reflects what I thought I heard the member for Churchill say earlier, that he was ready to start the debate on it but did not want at this point in time to give a commitment as to when it would be completed in all stages until they have an opportunity to discuss some elements of it.

The Liberal Party has acknowledged that it also has some questions on a specific that it would like to talk to the Minister of Labour about. If that were the agreement then perhaps we could proceed on that basis.

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Madam Speaker there is a bit of confusion. I said that we were quite willing to start the debate. Of course, when I made that offer I assumed that the government had royal proclamation and was able to give us an actual copy of the bill. It is sometimes very difficult to debate a bill that you do not really have in front of you. However, I am willing to start the debate with a final copy of the bill given to each of the members in the House, with or without the royal proclamation. What I have right now is just a draft and I

have no idea if it is the exact wording that we will be receiving later. It is very difficult to debate that.

We are willing to start the debate. We are not at this point willing to say when second reading will end, but we are willing to start the debate whenever we can have a copy of the bill.

**Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond):** Madam Speaker, I have a question for the Chair. Is it my understanding that you do now have the royal proclamation?

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** Yes, we do now have the royal recommendation. Would the House agree that we do first reading now?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** By unanimous consent?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

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## THUNDER BAY GRAIN HANDLING OPERATIONS ACT

### MEASURE TO ENACT

**Hon. Marcel Danis (Minister of Labour)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-37, an act to provide for the resumption and continuance of grain handling operations at Thunder Bay, Ontario.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** Pursuant to Standing Order 68(2), the motion is deemed adopted.

Mr. Danis moves that the bill be now read the first time and printed. Pursuant to Standing Order 69(1), the motion is deemed adopted.

Bill read the first time and printed.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** When shall the bill be read a second time?

**An hon. member:** Later this day.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** By unanimous consent later this day.

**Mr. Andre:** I am suggesting that we commence debate which has been agreed to and that at one o'clock, if we do not have a House order in place, we will return to Government Orders when the House resumes after Question Period. This is not to suggest that second reading would necessarily be over at that time but merely to give us that period of time rather than an unlimited period of time in which to work out the modalities for treating the bill through the rest of the day.