

Alternative Dairy Support Programs

the hon. member that this is the kind of situation which may well be considered by that committee. Indeed, I have indicated to the House on previous occasions that the whole area of private members' business, not only private bills but private members' resolutions and the submission of private members' motions, should be considered by the Committee on Procedure at an early date. I have already made this suggestion to the members of the committee. I will reiterate the suggestion in view of the representations now made by the hon. member. I would think that in the circumstances I should rule that although there may be a legitimate grievance there is no question of privilege on which the motion which he has suggested might be founded and put to the House at this time.

[Translation]

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**HEALTH, WELFARE AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

First report of Standing Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs on the use of tobacco and cigarettes, in both official languages.—Mr. Isabelle.

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[English]

INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT**CONCURRENCE IN SECOND REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Ian Watson (Laprairie) moved that the second report of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development, presented to the House on Tuesday, December 16, 1969, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

AGRICULTURE**REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE OF CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE DAIRY SUPPORT PROGRAMS**

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, there have been some discussions through the usual channels and I think there is general agreement that I may seek

[Mr. Speaker.]

unanimous consent from the House to move a motion in the following terms:

That the Standing Committee on Agriculture be empowered to consider and report its recommendations on or before February 17, 1970, on alternative programs designed to utilize the funds available for dairy support in the forthcoming year in such a manner as to bring dairy production and consumption into better balance, thus increasing the net income of industrial milk producers through decreasing the cost to them of moving quantities of dairy products into export.

If there is consent—

Mr. Speaker: Is there agreement to submission of this motion at the present time?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: Is the hon. member for Lotbinière rising to indicate that he does not agree that the motion should now be put?

Mr. Fortin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order.

We are ready to accept the motion of the Minister of Agriculture. However, there is a point which remains to be cleared up before we give our approval, and that is whether the report on the study on the dairy industry made by the committee on agriculture during May and June last will be tabled in the house and whether it has anything to do with the minister's motion.

If it is two different matters, we cannot give our approval but if, on the other hand, it is a report on that study, we will gladly give our consent.

[English]

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, I cannot answer that without getting into a debate. All I can say at this point is that I did consult with the House Leader of the Ralliement Cr ditiste yesterday. He indicated to me then that they would be agreeable to having this matter referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

The other part of the question is whether some of the findings or studies that were made in certain parts of Canada during May and June last year would be incorporated into the recommendations. I suggest it would be up to the committee to do that if they chose.

[Translation]

Mr. Fortin: Mr. Speaker, we lay down a stipulation. We shall give our consent provided