

Manufacturing Milk and Cream Policy

when production is at its lowest point. Still, I am pleased that some producers will benefit from it, although it will certainly not be the greatest number. The minister indicates it will be. He has, I am sure, data that I do not have at the present time. If such is the case, I am very happy that it was decided to do something to allow an increase in that production.

I hope that some day—that is the wish that I make—the Canadian Dairy Commission can somehow act as a thermostat in a house. In a house, a good thermostat works automatically. When it works well, it can maintain the temperature that corresponds to the needs of the household. It is automatic. It must be set properly.

I hope that the Canadian Dairy Commission will one day adjust itself to the situation in order to allow an increase in the winter production, so that the dairy industry may operate year round and not only according to the needs of the market. In this connection, I disagree with the Minister of Agriculture, because I always conceive production in terms of consumption needs. However, since consumption is dependent on purchasing power, it happens at a given time, especially in 1971, that the whole purchasing power of the people and families is considerably decreased and the demand is then lower.

I therefore suggest that we should be ready just the same to maintain a powerful dairy industry which will be in a position not only to satisfy the needs of our domestic market, but also those of the international market.

That is why it will be necessary to hasten to apply a policy which will encourage dairy producers to maintain an organization and, at the same time, to follow closely the data made available to the producers concerned, in order to be able to maintain their operations at the required level.

I am hopeful that, following the establishment of the guaranteed minimum annual income, purchasing power will be in line with the needs of the people and, at that time, the dairy industry will be able to develop, and the family farms that have been ill-treated, at least those that will remain, will be able to continue to survive and also to develop.

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INFORMATION

NEED FOR LEGISLATION TO ENSURE RIGHT OF PUBLIC TO KNOW ABOUT GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I wish to move a motion under the terms of Standing Order 43. Because of the time of the year, and the spirit of co-operation which is being shown today, I believe my motion will commend itself to hon. members, particularly as it is couched in the most amiable and uncontroversial terms.

The urgent and pressing necessity for this motion to be moved is related to the disclosure in the *Globe and Mail* today that so-called confidential cabinet documents have been revealed. The large number of these leaks and the variety of subjects covered brings into question the need to have legislation defining and clarifying the duty of the

[Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse).]

government to provide Canadians with information concerning the conduct of public business.

If consent is given—as I assume it will be—I would therefore move:

That the government, at the beginning of the next session, shall introduce legislation regarding freedom of information for the people of Canada, either in the manner set out in Bill C-250 or in such similar form as may be appropriate.

Mr. Speaker: Hon. members have heard the motion proposed by the hon. member for Peace River. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: The motion cannot be put.

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TRADE

TABLING OF REPORT ON IMPORTATION OF SWEATERS, CARDIGANS AND PULLOVERS

Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and pursuant to Standing Order 41(2) I wish to lay on the table of the House, in both official languages, a report on an inquiry respecting sweaters, cardigans and pullovers.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

COMMENDATION OF MINISTER ON MAKING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 43, and likewise taking into account the publication today of some government documents relating to northern development policy, and living in the same hope as was the hon. member for Peace River, that my motion, being a generous and friendly one, may be accepted by the government, I ask leave to move, seconded by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles):

That this House commends the government and in particular the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development for making available to the public cabinet documents relating to northern development policy and expresses the hope that other cabinet ministers will see the merit and wisdom of such a course of action and thus contribute to a curtailment of unnecessary government secrecy about matters so obviously of value and interest to Canada and its people.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: I have serious doubts as to the propriety of the motion from a procedural point of view, but rather than spend the rest of the day on a procedural debate as to whether the motion should be accepted by the Chair or not, and without ruling whether it is acceptable or not, I will ask whether there is unanimous consent. Is there unanimous consent?