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tunity to do so, so that when we legislate, our legislation is in proper form and is not repugnant and objectionable, as the hon. member for Peace River adequately defined it? This is not the way to do business in this parliament; this is not the way to legislate. This would be objectionable in any legislation, be it farm legislation or any other legislation.

We in this group have made it abundantly clear that we support the principle of this bill. We commend the minister and agree that he should accept the plaudits that have been offered to him for having introduced it. We have no objection to that; it is his right to do so. It is his right, also, to characterize the objections of the opposition in whatever truculent terminology appeals to him; he can do that if he likes. But I suggest to him that if he wants to get the early passage of this legislation, if he wants to get the support of this house, if he wants to get the backing of this house in putting this legislation through, and if he wants legislation to be improved by the parliamentary process and not just laid down and our being told, "Take it or leave it", he will accede to the suggestion that has been made by the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters) and repeated by the hon. member for Kootenay West (Mr. Herridge). I do not want to subscribe to everything said by the hon. member for Acadia (Mr. Horner); but he, too, said that if this reasonable step were taken, the amendment—which I simply do not support because I think it kills the principle of the bill, and I am in favour of the bill—would be withdrawn. I suggest that this be done, Mr. Speaker, so that we may get on with this legislation.

Mr. Richard Cashin (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I have been very anxious—

Mr. Horner (Acadia): Who is holding it up now?

Mr. Cashin:—for some time to participate in this debate.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): Who has been holding you back?

Mr. Cashin: I have withstood, as have all hon. members, what began to be a mild chinook from Alberta which reached hurricane force. Then, of course, we had the pleasure of one of those regular, polite little sermons that come from our friends in the New Democratic party. I would like to comment on some of the things the hon. member for Acadia raised in this, his most recent

participation in the debate. I am not telling hon. members anything new if I state that the member for Acadia was true to form and contradicted himself in his usual fashion today.

Mr. Horner (Acadia): When and where?

Mr. Cashin: However, Mr. Speaker, I would not want to put the hon. member to the embarrassment to which he was subjected some time ago by the Minister without Portfolio (Mr. Dupuis). I would say this to you, though, Mr. Speaker, that I did note that the hon. member for Acadia, of all people, if you please, was talking about feet in mouth. I would say to him that if the minister, who he felt was having some difficulty getting his foot in his mouth, had as wide a mouth as the member for Acadia, he would do it with great ease; and when his foot got there the minister would then have more brains in his mouth than the hon. member has in his head.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. May I suggest to the hon. member, as I took the liberty of suggesting to the hon. member for Acadia (Mr. Horner), that the hon. member who now has the floor is not debating the principle of the bill. I would enjoin him to limit his remarks to the bill before us.

Mr. Cashin: I would like to say, Mr. Speaker, that as a new member here I must apologize; I was probably following more the example of the member for Acadia, who finds it impossible to address himself to the merits of the legislation and be political at the same time. The minister of course was able to do this, to discuss the merits of the legislation and at one and the same time be political. When I have the experience of the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Hays) I will of course be able to do that. In the meantime I will have to content myself with being somewhat on the level of the hon. member for Acadia. Hope springs eternal in the human breast, and some day I may rise above this.

If I may refer to the remarks of the hon. member for Acadia on an earlier occasion when he addressed himself to this subject—and I think I am in order in so doing—as reported at page 8320 of *Hansard* he said:

I have looked at the bill very closely, Mr. Speaker. I studied it over the week end and thought of it a great deal.

That may seem difficult for him, but he said that is what he did.