

### Supply

We discussed Chile's succession to the NAFTA as the fourth amigo. We were expanding Canada's trade horizons with respect to grain, pulse crops, alfalfa, livestock, meat, animal genetics, agriculture technology, processed foods and agricultural equipment and machinery.

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### PRESENCE IN GALLERY

**The Speaker:** Colleagues, I wish to draw to your attention the presence in the gallery of Mr. Hans-Ulrich Klose, Vice-President of the German Bundestag and three of his colleagues, members of Parliament.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

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### POINTS OF ORDER

**Mr. Sarkis Assadourian (Don Valley North, Lib.):** Madam Speaker, yesterday in the debate in this House, Private Member's Business, Crimes Against Humanity, on page 11375 of *Hansard*, I used the figure "300,000 intellectuals". That should read 3,000. I made the error and I hope to have it corrected in the next *Hansard*.

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Maheu):** It will be corrected.

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## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

• (1505)

[English]

### SUPPLY

#### ALLOTTED DAY—AGRICULTURE

The House resumed consideration of the motion.

**Mr. Lee Morrison (Swift Current—Maple Creek—Assiniboia, Ref.):** Madam Speaker, I was not very surprised reading the text of the Bloc motion that we are addressing today because I find that its members are following their usual strategy of being vexatious and provocative, trying to pit Canadians against Canadians. They do this under the pretence of representing their constituents, but I do not believe that Quebecers as a group do not believe in fairness. By and large, they are like the rest of us. What we are seeing here is a classic example of what the Bloc does in this place day after day after day.

I asked a couple of Quebec members from the other central Canadian party how they felt about the fact that the Bloc engages in this type of rhetoric. I asked them if they were at all embarrassed by the constant whining and by these efforts to put out their hand for more and more. The answer that I got from these other Quebecers was: "Yes, it does embarrass us".

Let us take a look at this terrible abuse that we hear is being heaped upon those Quebec dairy farmers with their guaranteed 40 per cent share of the domestic milk market in Canada. Yes, they are going to have their subsidies cut; they are going to be cut by 30 per cent over two years. Therefore, their \$217 million subsidy will be cut by \$57 million.

What the hon. members from the Bloc neglect to mention is that all the dairy farmers in Canada do not reside in Quebec. The rest of us have cows too. We are going to be losing our pro rata share of that same subsidy, which is causing this inordinate amount of whining.

On the other hand, the Crow benefit is not going to be phased out gradually. We are not going to lose just a few percentage points per year over any given period of time. It is going to be cut by 100 per cent immediately and forever.

**Mr. Solomon:** Shame on the Liberals.

**An hon. member:** Shame.

**Mr. Morrison:** Shame on the Liberals. There is going to be a \$1.6 billion buyout. This buyout is equivalent to what the subsidy has been paying over each three-year period, or would have been paying over the next three years. After that, nothing. But the dairy farmers will still be in there for 70 per cent of their subsidy. If this is inequitable to Quebec then please help me here. What would they regard as equity?

There is another little cute trick in the budget, which I have not heard the Bloc mention. That is the Feed Freight Assistance Act for feed grains to the eastern part of Quebec as well as the Maritimes. We are talking about Quebec here. That is going to be phased out over a 10-year period.

It now appears, from the rumours I have been hearing, that this is not even going to begin for another year. There is going to be a one-year moratorium on phasing out the FFAA. All this means is that we will continue in the west shipping our feed grains to Quebec to be turned into beef and milk products, whereas if we did not have this subsidy to work against us, we could do it at home more economically and export the finished product. However, that is not the way Canada works. We are still locked into the old colonial system where the two central Canadian provinces get the milk, the grass is eaten in western Canada, and we all know what happens in the Maritimes.

• (1510)

This motion speaks about diversification and the fact that because we are going to get this buyout on the Crow rate it is going to be a great encouragement for us to diversify. In my riding farmers have been diversifying for the last few years, not because of the availability or lack of availability of subsidies, but in response to market forces. They are growing crops they never grew before.

When I drove around my riding last summer I saw canola, lentils and even sunflowers—big acreages of them. These are not native to my part of Saskatchewan, but we are swinging over