



Extension of Bill C-30

June 16, 2016 - For immediate release - APAS is pleased with extension to Bill C-30 - the Fair Rail for Grain Farmers Act. Norm Hall, president of the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan was pleased to see the extension of Bill C-30, the Fair Rail for Grain Farmers Act, in a House of Commons motion this week. Hall was attending meetings with Federal Agriculture Minister MacAulay and other MPs this week.

The act, which was set to expire on August 1, was extended on June 15 by unanimous vote.

Provisions that will now remain in effect include the right of the federal government to set volume requirements on grain the railways must carry, if the need arises. The limit on interswitching, where one railway can move grain of the other railway's customer, will remain at 160 kilometres instead of the usual 30. This gives shippers with only one choice of railway fair and reasonable access to the rail system at a regulated rate.

"This extension will mean Western Canadian farmers can rest assured knowing they'll be protected for the coming shipping season," Hall said. "this was an important issue for our members, and we raised it with both the Transport and Agriculture Ministers, and MPs and Senators. We are glad to see that all parties listened and agreed to address our concerns".

"APAS will continue to work with other farm groups to ensure that important provisions of Bill C-30 are incorporated into the Canada Transportation Act when it is amended, following the current review," Hall concluded.

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