

of people associated with a particular product, unless the words I have suggested are inserted.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): I think the hon. member will agree that any committee could not be confined to producers alone.

Mr. NEILL: I am not asking that.

Mr. GUTHRIE: "Persons engaged in marketing, adaptation for sale, processing or conversion, and consumers," and then the words suggested by my hon. friend, "of such natural or regulated products," what do you say to that?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): No, for this reason. There would have to be experts outside of the members on the committee to do the actual work of the investigation, and to be certain that it would have on it representatives of the producers and so on. It would not be possible to select from a committee of producers of the regulated or natural product, as set out here, those of the proper qualifications to carry on such an investigation.

Mr. GUTHRIE: I think if we were to change the first word in the subsection, "a," to "such," it would serve all purposes. I therefore move, Mr. Chairman, to strike out the first word, "a," in subsection 2 and substitute therefor the word "such."

Amendment agreed to.

Section 17 as amended agreed to.

On section 18—powers of committee.

Mr. DUPRE: It is desired to strike out the word "and" where it occurs in line 6, also to strike out lines 7 to 10 inclusive. I move, Mr. Chairman, that subsection 1 of section 18 be deleted, and the following substituted therefor:

18. (1) A committee shall have power to investigate all operations occurring in connection with or in the course of marketing, adaptation for sale, processing or conversion of the natural or regulated product for the purpose of ascertaining the spread received by any person in the course of such marketing, adaptation for sale, processing or conversion.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): I might point out that the deleted part of subsection 1 is included under another clause.

Amendment agreed to.

Section 18 as amended agreed to.

On section 19—determination by committee.

Mr. DUPRE: I move that section 19 be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

19. A committee may after investigation as hereinbefore provided report to the minister, in connection with any operation occurring in the course of marketing, adaptation for sale, processing or conversion of the natural or regulated product, whether in its opinion the spread received is detrimental to or against the interest of the public in that it is excessive or results in undue enhancement of prices or otherwise restrains or injures trade or commerce in the natural or regulated product.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: That is a little different from the amendment of which notice was given.

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Yes, but the change is very slight.

Mr. NEILL: Is there to be no provision for publishing this report?

Mr. WEIR (Melfort): Yes.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: I should like to say to the minister that I think it is an important change which has been made. The section as originally drafted gave this committee power to determine what was excessive and to fix the offence. By the amendment the committee is given power to report to the minister what in its opinion is excessive. Naturally the report will be used as a means of bringing the whole matter to the attention of the proper authorities and lead possibly to prosecutions, but it does not leave it in the hands of an interested group itself to determine the offence, what is in the nature of an offence is set out in clause 21 of the bill. That is exactly what I was hoping the minister might be persuaded to do with regard to part 1, that he would amend its provisions in a corresponding way. However, having made the amendment he has in this part of the bill, I wish to thank him for it.

Amendment agreed to.

Section as amended agreed to.

On section 20—publication of findings.

Mr. DUPRE: I move to strike out this section and to substitute for it the following:

A committee shall in the manner prescribed by regulations publish every report made by it hereunder.

Mr. MACKENZIE KING: It simply changes the word "determination" to "report."

Mr. NEILL: I object, Mr. Chairman, to the suggestion that the report is to be published under regulations made hereunder. It says, "a committee shall in the manner prescribed by regulations." Is there nothing we can do in this house? Have we to leave everything to regulations? We have been