

Farm Products Marketing Agencies Bill

legislation for the setting up of specific marketing agencies. This applies, indeed, to the agricultural products marketing board or council. I could give some examples. For example, let me talk of the establishment of producer marketing boards. The commissions that we are talking about here would be established in Manitoba, Alberta and Ontario by Order in Council.

Mr. Horner: I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I have clause 8 before me. The minister said that clause 8 provides that the producers can request that a marketing board be set up. Clause 8(1) says:

A public hearing shall be held by the council.

In other words, if the council decides to set up a marketing agency, it shall hold a public hearing. Subclause 2 says that public hearings may be held where the council is satisfied, etc. The two words used are "shall" and "may". The minister said that clause 8 gives the producers the right to request that no marketing agency shall be set up without its being requested by the producers. I submit that clause 8 says nothing of the kind. I have it before me. I ask the minister to tell me what part of that clause says that the producers or a majority of them must request an agency to be set up. Nowhere does clause 8 spell that out.

Mr. Thompson: That is why the minister cannot tell us where that provision is to be found.

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, not only has the hon. member not read the bill, but even that part he read he did not read correctly.

Mr. Horner: Let the minister read it correctly.

Mr. Olson: Clause 8 says that a public hearing shall—I underline "shall"—be held by the council as follows:

(a) in connection with an inquiry into the merits of establishing an agency or of broadening the authority of an existing agency to cover an additional farm product or farm products;

That is clear.

Mr. Korchinski: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Horner: No, it is not clear at all.

Mr. Korchinski: On a point of order—

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker—

[Mr. Olson.]

Mr. Thompson: The minister has not read it himself.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order, please. I do not think we are getting very far with these points of order. I recognize the hon. member for Mackenzie (Mr. Korchinski).

Mr. Korchinski: There seems to be an essential misinterpretation of the bill, Mr. Speaker. The proper interpretation of the clause referred to by the hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner) seems to be the interpretation placed on it by the hon. member.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order, please. The hon. member will have the opportunity to make a speech after the minister has made his speech. There will be opportunity afterwards.

Mr. Olson: I am sorry if I exercised hon. gentlemen opposite. When I began speaking I intended to do the opposite, in the interests of the producers of this country, because we want to get this legislation through.

Mr. Horner: Tell us more about operation LIFT.

Mr. Olson: I am sorry if I have failed in that intention. Whether this matter is finished tonight or not, and whether or not it is sent to committee for detailed examination, I think it is necessary to set the record straight. I point out that the great majority of producers must be in favour of a marketing plan before the government can implement this policy.

Mr. Horner: Where does it say that in the bill?

An hon. Member: Read it.

Mr. Olson: There are provisions in this bill indicating that there must be a co-ordinated effort on the part of provincial marketing agencies—

Mr. Thompson: Why does the minister not read the bill?

Mr. Olson: That is in the bill.

Mr. Horner: In what clause?

Mr. Olson: What hon. members do not realize is that the federal government has no jurisdiction to set up rules and regulations concerning supply management on the production side, and therefore—

Mr. Horner: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker—