

Farm Products Marketing Agencies Bill

its expeditious passage. Their position is apparently supported by nine of the ten provincial ministers of agriculture, who also have recorded their hope that parliament will deal favourably with this bill as soon as possible. It is therefore generally felt that primary producers should have the opportunity to organize for more orderly marketing of their products.

The second point on which I am clear is that, without exception, to my knowledge, and for reasons real or imagined, the beef producers in my riding, and admittedly a great number elsewhere, do not wish to be included in the provisions of this bill.

I therefore feel I have a dual responsibility in this matter. Recognizing that this bill has general, and in some cases strong, support and that in certain quarters there is a genuine need and desire for this type of enabling legislation, I must urge upon members that this bill pass with dispatch, for I do subscribe to its basic principles.

On the other hand, I feel personally a duty to those of my constituents, the beef producers, who in great numbers have informed me that they wanted no part of this bill. I attempted to explain to them that there was no way whatsoever in which they, as producers of this particular commodity, could be affected by the bill's provisions unless and until they themselves chose to establish a national marketing plan and accordingly voted themselves in. Nevertheless having, as I said, a responsibility to listen to and be guided by the wishes of the beef growers of my area, I was prepared—as I did at the committee stage—to exercise my franchise in this House in support of any amendments which would exempt beef cattle products from the bill.

Alternatively, I was prepared to press, as I have been doing, for any acceptable proposal which would effectively attain this objective. I believe, Mr. Speaker, that we have such a proposal before us now. I am pleased therefore that this government has seen fit to put forward its amendment which removes any specific reference to cattle.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Pursuant to order made this day the time allotted to the consideration of Motions nos. 1, 5 and 22 have now expired.

• (5:10 p.m.)

The question is on the amendment to the amendment.

All those in favour of the amendment to the amendment will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): All those opposed to the amendment to the amendment will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Pursuant to the order previously adopted, the division stands deferred on the

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subamendment, and automatically on the amendment as well as on the main motion.

The next question is on motion No. 5. It is moved by the hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner):

That Bill C-176, to establish the National Farm Products Marketing Council and to authorize the establishment of national marketing agencies for farm products, be amended by deleting paragraph (ii) of subclause (g) of clause 2 at page 3.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): In my opinion the nays have it.

I declare the motion lost on division.

Motion no. 5 (Mr. Horner) negatived.

The next question is on motion No. 22. It is moved by the hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner):

That Bill C-176, to establish the National Farm Products Marketing Council and to authorize the establishment of national marketing agencies for farm products, be amended

(a) by adding to subparagraph (ii) paragraph (a) of subclause (1) of clause 18 the word "such" after the word "any" at line 13, page 12 and by deleting from the subparagraph all the words after the word "proclamation" at line 14; and

(b) by adding to subparagraph (ii) paragraph (a) of subclause (2) of clause 18 the word "such" after the word "any" at line 6, page 13 and by deleting from the subparagraph all the words after the word "proclamation" at line 7.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): In my opinion the nays have it.

Accordingly, motion No. 22 is negatived on division.

Motion No. 22 (Mr. Horner) negatived.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Pursuant to the order previously adopted the House will now proceed to the consideration of clause 18 of the bill.

On clause 18: *Contents of proclamation:*