secret that, as the minister suggests, under the Board of Grain Commissioners the government is managing inland terminals at Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Lethbridge, Calgary, Edmonton and so on, regardless of whether they are called inland terminals or transfer elevators. In any case, they are other than primary elevators. As I see it, they could continue to be operated under paragraph (d) as it is now worded. However, the minister wishes to put forward this amendment. To my mind, the amendment clouds the issue a little. It states that the commission shall not, in operating any elevator as a primary elevator pursuant to paragraph (d) of subsection 1, purchase grain. In other words, if they operate as a primary elevator, they cannot purchase grain. That is my interpretation of the amendment. I do not believe this wording clarifies the clause.

However, if it makes the minister feel better to include these words, we would have no objection. I know the minister supported wholeheartedly the amendment to clause 12 when it was discussed in the committee, so we on this side of the House can support this amendment. I may say that the committee also put forward five amendments to the bill which substantially improved the bill. This act had not been amended for about 40 years and it needed careful examination, which it received in the committee. Although it was not passed in the last session. it has been substantially improved in this session. This being the last amendment before the House, we on this side are prepared to accept it. I think we should pay tribute to the minister for accepting so many amendments brought forward by the opposition in the committee, both in the last session and in the present one. I think the grain trade and the producers will be substantially better served as a result of the exhaustive study which the Committee on Agriculture gave to this bill, both in the last session and in this one.

Mr. Rod Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley): Mr. Speaker, we support the amendment of the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Douglas). It seems logical in this day and age of specialty crops. Frequently, when not enough grain is grown to fill a boxcar, it is logical that it should be delivered to terminal elevators. I think that this amendment should be passed so that grain could be delivered to these elevators. It makes sense to me.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The House will now proceed to the deferred division on the amendment proposed by the hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner). Call in the members.

Division

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Horner) which was negatived on the following division:

• (4:40 p.m.)

Alexander Baldwin Bell Coates Comeau Crouse Danforth Dinsdale Downey Hales Harkness Horner Howe Knowles (Norfolk-Haldimand) Korchinski Lundrigan MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond) MacRae

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Messrs: McCutcheon McGrath McIntosh McKinley McQuaid Mazankowski Monteith Moore Muir Murta Nesbitt Nielsen Ricard Ritchie Ryan Rynard Schumacher Simpson Southam Stewart (Marquette)-38.

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