

The second amendment calls for the deletion of subclause 3 which provides:

This section shall be repealed on a day to be fixed by proclamation.

I cannot vote for this amendment because we would be projecting ourselves into the future not realizing the intent of the minister or the exact nature of the legislation which he plans to introduce. I hope I will be in this House to see the legislation and will have an opportunity to study it, and after studying the plan which the minister and the government propose to put forth I will reach a decision on whether to support or reject it. But I believe that at this time it would be premature to vote against these clauses in the bill and to reject them, because we do not know the type of legislation which the government will be introducing in the future for our fishermen. With these remarks I have indicated the position of our party and the reasons we cannot do other than vote for the bill as it stands.

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, in view of the lateness of the hour I want to say that the hon. member for South Shore (Mr. Crouse) has expressed his point of view very succinctly and I do not think I could do better. I am impressed by his contribution. He made his points briefly. If he had had more time he would have elaborated on some of the problems which fishermen of this country face. Mercury pollution might be one.

What we are doing here is in effect ensuring that they receive their benefits. Their payments are coming out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund. We are asserting here for the first time our moral obligation to the fishermen and the realization that they have particular problems and it is the obligation of the government to help them. The question in the future will be whether the best way of helping them is through unemployment insurance or through another plan that meets with their approval and it will be our responsibility to bring in an alternative plan to provide stabilization, rationalization and a guaranteed income for our fishing industry.

Employed fishermen who in the regulations are classed as employees will be the responsibility of the minister of the environment and fisheries. We are saying that until a plan is brought in which will meet with the approval of the House and the representatives of fishermen, they will be covered by unemployment insurance and entitled to the new benefit structure as will any other Canadian. If we did not have this section in the act, employed fishermen would not be able to qualify in the same way as other employees. Therefore, our provision is badly needed and I would urge that the amendment be rejected.

• (4:20 p.m.)

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I do not rise to speak on the substance of the matter but to call attention to an error in clause 146, which is the one being amended. Perhaps the minister's officials would note it. In line 9, after "146" I think there should be the

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figure "1" in brackets in the English text, just as there is in the French text.

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 said motion?

Some hon. Members: Carried.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): On division.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Negatived on division.

Motion No. 18 (Mr. Barnett) negatived.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: This note also disposes of motion No. 19. We now have for consideration the last motion, No. 20. Mr. Mackasey, seconded by Mr. Macdonald (Rose-dale), moves:

That Bill C-229, an act respecting unemployment insurance in Canada, be amended by striking out lines 21 to 24, inclusive, at page 95 and by substituting therefor the following:

"(c) paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 3;
(d) Parts I, II, V, VI (except paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 135 thereof) and VII; and
(e) sections 146, 150 to 157, 159 and 160;"

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

Some hon. Members: Carried.

Motion No. 20 (Mr. Mackasey) agreed to.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: As hon. members will recall, this leaves for consideration motion No. 3 which was stood yesterday. It was put yesterday and is before the House for consideration at this point.

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I do not think I have to repeat what was said yesterday. This motion almost went through except that there was some confusion about the wording. In order to make it acceptable and achieve what was intended, I will read the amended motion now, hoping that it will be acceptable to the government. The motion will read:

That Bill C-229, an act respecting unemployment insurance in Canada, be amended by adding next after subclause (1) of clause 4, following line 35 at page 5, the following: