

Advance Payments for Crops

of the legislation is carried out, or does it play such a fundamental role that an attempt to proceed without the use of the producer organization would mean the introduction of a new concept into the legislation?

Hon. members might bear in mind, for example, the provision in clause 4 of the bill which begins to set up the scheme. In the very first line we read, "Where an organization proposes to make an advance . . ." Again, in the first line of clause 5 and subsequent clauses the legislation is spelled out in such a way that it seems to me—and I hope hon. members will agree—the producer organization plays far more than an incidental role in the process of making advance payments through the banks on the part of the government.

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I cannot resist the conclusion that the role of the producer organization in this legislation is such a fundamental role in the entire process that to attempt to do without the producer organization would be the introduction of an entirely new approach to, and a new concept in, the legislation. Whether or not that be a desirable course to follow, it would remain open to hon. members to put forward legislation which might have that effect or to ask the minister to have the matter considered in some other way. My only concern is whether procedurally this is a valid amendment to this legislation.

Again I say that the role of the organization spelled out in every clause in the bill is so fundamental to the operation of the statute that it is more than simply an incidental aspect of the machinery of the bill, and any attempt to try to produce the same effect without the producer organization would, in my opinion, be the introduction of an entirely new concept. I must, therefore, find that the proposed motion put forward by the hon. member for Wetaskiwin is not in order.

That being the case, the report stage motions would now appear to have been finalized. There were only two; one moved by the government, which was dealt with, and the second the one by the hon. member for Wetaskiwin which has now been set aside. Accordingly the Minister of Agriculture, seconded by the Secretary of State (Mr. Roberts), moves that Bill C-2, an act to facilitate the making of advance payments for crops, be concurred in as amended.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The matter having been considered to this extent at report stage on this day, the House is not in a position to carry on with third reading of the bill without its consent. The question would be for third reading and passage of the bill, if the House is agreed. Is there unanimous agreement that the House now proceed to third reading?

Mr. Hamilton (Qu'Appelle-Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, there is not unanimous agreement; we will hold over third reading.

Mr. Speaker: Orders of the day.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Four o'clock.

[Mr. Speaker.]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have no indication of business to follow the projected item of business, but I do know there is an item for consideration under private members' hour which would follow at four o'clock. An early adjournment of the House, obviously, would prejudice the carrying on with the four o'clock business this afternoon. Is it agreed that I adjourn the proceedings until four o'clock this afternoon?

Mr. MacFarlane: Mr. Speaker, I understood that there was agreement to proceed.

Mr. Speaker: The only question that now remains is, is the business for private members' hour ready to go ahead now? In which case I will call it four o'clock.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: It being four o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

[English]

Mr. Speaker: For the sake of expediency, there are a certain number of orders which would stand in priority to the one that I understand it is agreed will be proceeded with. These are order Nos. 12, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20 and 22. Is the House agreed that we will stand those orders in order to proceed with the order standing in the name of the hon. member for Moncton (Mr. Jones)?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Speaker: May it also be understood that in seeing the clock at four o'clock now, the House will adjourn at 3.15 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Monday?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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SENATE AND HOUSE OF COMMONS ACT

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

Mr. Leonard C. Jones (Moncton) moved that Bill C-233, to amend the Senate and House of Commons Act (independent members of the House of Commons), be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Management and Members' Services.

He said: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of Bill C-223 is to give greater heights of democracy to the House of Commons. It is presented to ensure that an independent member of parliament will have the opportunity to be on two standing committees. It is not my intention that any member of parliament will lose