

it is a corporation like the Steel Company of Canada. Many large companies have the same objects as small companies.

In this clause we have the same grandiose language. It is true that these provisions must be expressed in broad terms in order to permit the company to function in a certain way, but the operative part of clause 6 is what the hon. member for Waterloo seeks to amend. The operative part of the clause reads:

—and shall be carried out in anticipation of profit and in the best interests of the shareholders as a whole.

The hon. member seeks to eliminate that part. By its elimination one would suppose that the hon. member's argument is that it should not be run for profit, or that it could be run for a loss. This amendment suggests that "in the national interest" has the same meaning as "anticipation of profit and in the best interests of the shareholders as a whole." If I had authorship of such an act I would lay out the objects in much the same way as at present, but with some variations. I would place greater emphasis on the national interest and use the method of operation in the way that the Alberta Gas Pipeline was spawned and started. That is the sort of operation in which a development corporation should be able to participate, not in this way, having it the sole source of money. There is no public participation at the beginning. The public is not invited to come in at the appropriate stage.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** Order, please.

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** I will terminate my remarks, Mr. Speaker. I will not be here next week; I will be out of town with the constitution on committee. I wish to reiterate the opposition's dislike of the amendment. We will not support it and we will not support the bill.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** Order, please. It is the understanding of the Chair that there is general agreement to allow the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Basford) to move the second reading of and concurrence in the amendments made by the Senate to Bill C-180. Is this agreed?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

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#### CONSUMER PACKAGING AND LABELLING ACT

PROVISIONS RESPECTING PROHIBITIONS, LABELS, STANDARDIZATION, INSPECTION, ETC.

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs)** moved the second reading of and concurrence in amendments made by the Senate to Bill C-180, respecting the packaging, labelling, sale, importation and advertising of prepackaged and certain other products.

He said: Mr. Speaker, there has been consultation in the usual way with the hon. members for St. John's East (Mr. McGrath), Vancouver-Kingsway (Mrs. MacInnis) and Compton (Mr. Latulippe) to call the Senate amendments to the packaging and labelling act and deal with them at

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this time. I appreciate their courtesy in allowing this matter to come forward.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** Order, please. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Basford:** I am not sure whether hon. members want an explanation. There are two amendments, one to clause 3, to make it read very simply that subject—

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Carried.

**Mr. Basford:** I take it that hon. members do not want an explanation and I thank them very much.

● (4:00 p.m.)

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** Is the House ready for the question?

**Mr. McGrath:** It would be helpful if a short explanation of the two amendments were on record. I think the minister should be allowed to finish.

**Mr. Basford:** It will take just 60 seconds to explain them. Clause 3, which was of concern to hon. members, will now read:

Subject to subsection (2) and any regulations made under section 18, the provisions of this act which are applicable to any product apply notwithstanding any other act of the Parliament of Canada.

Clause 11 was amended to make it mandatory, as was my intention anyway, to seek the advice of at least one organization of consumers and one organization of dealers in relation to the preparation of any regulations to standardize the shapes or sizes of containers of prepackaged goods. These are the two points which concerned the committee. We have been able to propose wording which I believe deals with the objections which were raised.

Motion agreed to, amendments read the second time and concurred in.

[Translation]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** It being four o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, notices of motions, public bills and private bills.

[English]

#### PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

##### THE SENATE

SUGGESTED SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE ROLE AND POSSIBLE REFORMATION

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North)** moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should give consideration to the appointment of a special committee of this House which shall have the power to hold hearings in