

Rural Development

Mr. Ricard: Mr. Chairman, before this is carried I would like to ask the minister—

[*Translation*]

—how to draft the amendment in French, because I think it is very important that we should have both in order to determine whether the amendment meets the requirements?

Mr. Sauvé: In French, line 11 would read as follows: this act may be cited as the Rural Development Act (ARDA), because in the province of Quebec it is known under that name.

The title here is:

The Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act.

In the province of Quebec it is called: Aménagement Rural et Développement Agricole, which gives the acronym ARDA.

[*English*]

Mr. Olson: When the minister is considering all these amendments, would he take into consideration—

The Deputy Chairman: Order. It has been proposed to the Chair that we consider a subamendment. I think we should decide on the amendment before deciding on the subamendment.

Mr. Churchill: No.

Mr. Sauvé: On a point of order, there has been no subamendment. It is just a proposal by the hon. member to see if I would be agreeable to change my amendment, or the amendment of the Minister of Public Works about the title. Would hon. members think it satisfactory if we included ARDA in parenthesis, so that it is clearly included?

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Danforth: The purport of the bill is to separate agricultural from rural development, but by making the short title read "Agricultural and Rural Development" that would be satisfactory to both sides of the house.

Mr. Olson: To get over all the criticisms that have been made I would like to suggest that we call it the General Economic and Rural Development Act, so that in short it could be referred to as GERDA.

Mr. Vincent: You are too late; that was referred to a few minutes ago.

Mr. Peters: I do not think there is any great difference of opinion about this matter. The minister has said that he anticipates maintaining the title ARDA. I think the suggestion made by the hon. member for Kent (Ont.), is a proper one and does not change the legal interpretation. It still provides the initials ARDA. We in this party would strongly recommend that the minister accept this proposition.

Mr. Sauvé: Well, if the mover and seconder are agreeable to this proposal, it does not matter at all to me so long as we keep it ARDA, and I hope there will be no problems with the Department of Justice. I will accept "Agricultural and Rural Development Act" if this is agreeable to the mover and seconder.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear.

The Deputy Chairman: Does the Chair understand that the minister is withdrawing his amendment?

Mr. Churchill: No, he is inserting "Agricultural and".

Mr. Sauvé: It is to read:

This act may be cited as the Agricultural and Rural Development Act (ARDA).

So that we keep ARDA, and have ARDA in parenthesis, so that we have it twice.

• (10:20 p.m.)

Mr. Kindt: In order to be perfectly clear on this, you are substituting the word "rural" for "rehabilitation".

An hon. Member: No.

Mr. Kindt: That is all; so it is quite all right with me. So long as you are retaining the word "ARDA" and leaving it so that "A" is for agriculture, "R" is for rural, "D" is for development, and "A" is for act—ARDA—that is all right.

The Deputy Chairman: May I ask the minister whether he is withdrawing the amendment he originally proposed?

Mr. Sauvé: Yes.

Mr. McIlraith: I move:

That clause 2 of Bill C-152 be amended in line 11 by adding the words "agricultural and" immediately after the word "the".

Mr. Sauvé: In line 11 the new line would read, under the heading "Short title":

This act may be cited as the Agricultural and Rural Development Act (ARDA).

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.