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in the first place, because I thought it was a good idea. If the hon. gentleman would let me have it, I would like a little time to consider it and make a technical assessment of it. I undertake that we will not pass clause 74 before there is an opportunity to deal with it.

**Mr. Olson:** I agree, Mr. Chairman, and I should like to advise the minister and the members of the committee that there may be a technicality as to where it would best fit into the bill. It does not have to be subsection 4 of new section 470. But I would draw the minister's attention, now that he has the amendment before him, to the fact that the wording is "where in any proceedings before the commission under this act", and so on. It does not say "under this clause" or "under this subclause."

**Mr. Pickersgill:** I think it might become a new section 472. I do not want it to be related to this specific subject; I want to see the general application of the principle that if at any time there is any reason for this to be done, the representatives of the minister may be there to act on the other side. I think everybody agreed that this was a good idea. But I do not think we want to tie it to this particular amendment.

**Mr. Olson:** That is fine. So that the other members of the committee will know, the wording is exactly the same as that which was contained in subsection (6) of section 470 of the proposed amendment to clause 74. When the minister has had an opportunity to consider the amendment, if he would advise me I would be glad to move it.

**The Deputy Chairman:** Shall the amendment carry?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** Mr. Chairman, I should like to move another amendment to this clause.

**Mr. Kindt:** Mr. Chairman, I want to say a few words on clause 74 and new section 471 before indicating whether in my opinion it should pass. There are some parts of new section 471 that I do not like. I am asking for clarification in this regard. For instance, this section states:

—the commission shall undertake a study—

The word "study" is back in there.

—of the differences between rates on grain moving for export to ports in British Columbia and rates on grain moving otherwise to such ports, and shall report to the governor in council for such action as he deems desirable or expedient in the public interest.

[Mr. Pickersgill.]

Almost all the grain that moves into British Columbia comes from Alberta.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** That is right.

**Mr. Kindt:** I have 6,000 farmers down there who will be watching this clause very closely. It appears to me that this provision is asking the commission to make a study of the Crowsnest pass rates to Vancouver and compare them with the private rates on feed grain for chickens and other things to points in British Columbia that are on the way to Vancouver.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** No, Mr. Chairman. If the hon. gentleman would look at it again he would see it says:

—rates on grain moving for export to ports in British Columbia and rates on grain moving otherwise to such ports—

So it is only to the ports. I am sure the hon. gentleman knows that the British Columbia Federation of Agriculture made representations to the committee that the rate on grain for domestic purposes should be the same as the export rate. Unfortunately and regrettably I did not feel I could accept that recommendation out of hand, but I felt they made a quite strong case. All I want the commission to do is study those two things and make any recommendations that seem to be appropriate. That is all. It has nothing whatever to do with anything else.

**Mr. Kindt:** One thing it will do is cause the commission to call for figures in connection with the Crowsnest pass rates and make a study of them.

**Mr. Pickersgill:** We know the figures on both.

**Mr. Kindt:** You know them now?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** The rates are known. What we are concerned with is the difference between the rates, that is all.

**Mr. Kindt:** Does the minister know the costs and all the other matters that enter into the Crowsnest pass rates?

**Mr. Pickersgill:** It has nothing whatever to do with costs.

**Mr. Kindt:** The minister does not say that in this section.