

understand that the supervisor of insurance approved of this in the committee.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: When shall the said bill be read a third time?

Some hon. Members: Now.

Mr. Winkler (for Mr. Weichel) moved the third reading of the bill.

He said: Mr. Speaker, if I might just raise a little point of privilege here which I think is worthy of mention at this time, I am informed by my "legal adviser", the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Finance, that in passing this bill we are witnessing an historical event, because under the new companies legislation such bills will no longer be required to go through this process.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES OF CANADA

The house in committee on Bill No. S-36, to incorporate Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada—Miss Jewett—Mr. Lamoureux in the chair.

On clause 1—*Incorporation.*

Mr. Webster: Mr. Chairman, the present widespread and practical interest in higher education has been expressed in many ways. One of the most obvious ways has been the co-operative efforts of the universities themselves through two organizations, the national conference of Canadian universities and colleges and the Canadian universities foundation. This bill simply brings together these two bodies into a single organization for greater efficiency. It is a tidying up process. This organization will serve two purposes. It will serve as an agency for the distribution of federal grants to universities, and it will provide a medium through which universities and colleges can communicate and co-operate in advancing the interests of higher education. We are pleased to support the bill.

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[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Chairman, I only wish to direct a question to the hon. member who acts as sponsor of this bill.

Can the hon. member tell us whether, as incorporated, the association of universities and colleges of Canada will be in a position to ask for federal grants to assist universities and colleges?

[Text]

Miss Jewett: Mr. Chairman, this association will operate in this respect in the same way that the association it replaces operated. That is to say, it will act to some extent as the liaison between the universities and the government wherever such liaison is necessary. It will act as spokesman for the universities on whatever matters the universities require a spokesman vis-à-vis the government. If that includes financial matters I assume it will speak on those matters as well as others.

[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Chairman, that is not quite an answer to the question I asked.

Will one of the objects of this association of universities and colleges of Canada be to obtain federal grants for the association members, that is the colleges and universities belonging to it?

[Text]

Miss Jewett: It will distribute federal grants just as the Canadian universities foundation does now.

[Translation]

Mr. Grégoire: Mr. Chairman, today the Canadian universities and classical colleges foundation gets its grants through the Canada Council.

Will the new association have the privilege to get directly from the federal government grants that it would hand over afterwards to colleges and universities?

[Text]

Miss Jewett: My understanding is that the Canadian universities foundation now distributes what it calls the per capita grants. It is the agency in this country for the distribution of these grants. Under the new legislation the new association will take over that function. It will not have any additional function. In other words, there will not be, unless the parliament of this country so desires, any other grants to be distributed through this new association, apart from the per capita grants which are already distributed through its predecessor.