

Canadian Livestock Feed Board

Mr. Herridge: Mr. Chairman, I should like the minister to explain how a person can be guilty of something if he has not been proven guilty as the result of appearing in court?

Mr. Sauvé: No, no, he can be proven guilty only by the court. That is, if he has failed to comply with the order an offence has been committed and he will be brought before the court. Then, if the judge decides he is guilty, the defendant is liable to the penalty mentioned.

Mr. Herridge: Will the minister assure the house that this clause provides every protection given to anyone at the present time under the Criminal Code?

Mr. Sauvé: Though not exactly the same, this clause follows almost the same language as used in section 42 of the Canadian Wheat Board Act, and it is put in there for a similar offence.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 21 and 22 agreed to.

The Chairman: When this bill was being discussed on Friday, October 7, it was agreed to stand clause 9, as found on page 8495 of *Hansard*. The committee will now return to clause 9.

On clause 9—*Board agent of Her Majesty*.

Mr. Sauvé: Mr. Chairman, on clause 9 the hon. member for Kings brought up an objection, which was referred to the law officers of the Crown. I have explained to the hon. member for Kings the interpretation given by the law officers and he accepts the wording as it is. This is satisfactory to him.

Clause agreed to.

The Chairman: When Bill No. C-218 was being discussed on Tuesday, October 11, it was agreed to stand clause 17 as recorded on page 5533 of *Hansard*. The committee will now proceed to discussion of clause 17.

On clause 17—*Advances*.

Mr. Sauvé: Mr. Chairman, after consultation with the law officers of the crown and with the Department of Finance I would be ready to accept an amendment offered by the Minister of Labour.

[Mr. Sauvé.]

Mr. Nicholson: I move

That Bill No. C-218, to provide assistance to livestock feeders in eastern Canada and British Columbia, be amended by renumbering clause 17 on page 8 thereof as subclause (1) of clause 17 and by adding immediately after line 21 on page 8 thereof, the following subclause:

"(2) The total amount outstanding at any time of advances made under subsection (1) shall not exceed fifty million dollars."

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Herridge: Mr. Chairman, I was here when the objection to the clause was raised. I want to congratulate the minister for listening to the objection raised by a number of hon. members on the opposition side of the house and for consulting with the law officers of the crown and then introducing this further amendment.

Mr. Churchill: I wish he had talked to the Minister of National Defence.

Mr. Herridge: At that time it was felt by several members in the opposition that the maximum amount, that could be granted under this clause should be specified.

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton North and Victoria): He does not play golf with the Minister of National Defence.

Mr. Herridge: The minister has acceded to the wishes of opposition members. I trust that his example will be followed by other ministers.

Clause as amended agreed to.

On clause 1—*Short title*.

Mr. Muir (Lisgar): Before clause 1 is passed I should like to express to the minister my appreciation of the consideration he has shown to the amendments which have been suggested. I should also express some of the misgivings, about which the minister should know, harboured by producers of feed grain in eastern and western Canada. One of the difficulties arising from the bill is that the feed board may obtain import licences for the importation of feed grain from outside Canada. There is a danger that in buying surplus foreign feed grains it may obtain them at prices which have no relation to the cost of production, because this might be a surplus commodity. In other words, such an operation could constitute a dumping operation which should create hardships for growers both in eastern and in western Canada. We have the minister's assurance that this will not happen. I am pleased with that