

Farm Products Marketing Agencies Bill

Mr. Forrestall: Where is Alfie?

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Question.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, we have been discussing this question for months. I would also like to oppose this amendment. I submit that this bill should include all farm products, and I cannot refrain from objecting officially to an amendment aiming at excluding veal and beef.

The honourable member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner) mentioned earlier that in certain provinces existing organizations do not feel the need for national legislation. When will it be understood that Bill C-176 leaves producers entirely free? These organizations will always be able to operate under this legislation if they so desire.

Now, obviously if these beef and veal producers were satisfied with current results, they would not have asked the federal government to pass legislation concerning their production. One never knows if those organizations will continue to work as well but this Bill C-176 is available to all categories of producers producing a certain item. So I wonder why there is still obstruction or discussion about the fact that in Bill C-176 some words were taken out of clause 2. As far as I am concerned it is a matter of interpretation. The fact remains that by virtue of the wording of the amendment introduced by the minister it is clear that beef and calf can still be subject to quotas if the majority of the producers involved so asked.

I appreciated the remark made by the hon. member for Hamilton West (Mr. Alexander) when he spoke of consumers and protection of the consumers. I think this bill is also aimed at protecting the consumers. In fact, we know quite well that the policy of supply and demand that prevailed up to now brought ups and downs to our producers. Overproduction would result in inadequate prices whereas underproduction would bring about an increase in those same prices. The consumer has always been subjected to those ups and downs and has never experienced any stability or assurance. Orderly production will allow the setting of reasonable prices for producers. It is imperative that the consumer should permit the producer to obtain such reasonable prices. Briefly speaking, the consumer will be protected inasmuch as the farming industry in Canada will be sound and healthy. It is a protection for the consumer to have legislation which will allow all producers in Canada to earn adequate income.

I was both surprised and disappointed at the argument brought forth by the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin) when he said he was in favour of excluding cattle and calves. I fail to understand how an hon. member, especially and Easterner, could favour such an exclusion. Of course, I would have wished that the honourable member for Richmond would have been in favour of the inclusion in this bill of all farm products while obviously he did not understand this amendment, since it is very clear. Should it be said once again that most of the producers will always be free to be governed by bill C-176?

I am coming back to what I said a couple of days ago that Bill C-176, under this amendment as all the others, is

[Mr. Rose.]

only providing a service that will be useful to the farming community.

• (9:20 p.m.)

[*English*]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I understand that motion No. 3 was not formally put to the chamber. It might be well to put it now, before I put the question on motion No. 2. Mr. Horner, seconded by Mr. Hees, moves:

That Bill C-176, an act to establish the National Farm Products Marketing Council and to authorize the establishment of national marketing agencies for farm products be amended by adding the following to subclause (c) of clause 2 at line 17, page one: "except hogs and pork products".

The question is on motion No. 2 in the name of the hon. member for Crowfoot. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion? All those in favour of the said motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

Some hon. Members: On division.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I declare the motion negated on division.

Motion No. 2 (Mr. Horner) negated.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The question is on motion No. 3 in the name of the hon. member for Crowfoot.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion? All those in favour of the said motion will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

Some hon. Members: On division.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I declare the motion negated on division.

Motion No. 3 (Mr. Horner) negated.

Mr. Olson: I should like to raise a point of order, Mr. Speaker. There are two very minor and inconsequential housekeeping amendments to which I should like to refer. One would change the number five to the number seven. The other relates to the Revised Statutes of Canada. I would be prepared to move them and to give a very brief explanation, if the House would give me consent to do so.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Agreed.