

With regard to the other matters which the Member brought up, I am sympathetic to practically all the representations which are brought forward on behalf of veterans because they are such deserving people. I am sometimes tied down by the cold hand of the law. However, I have been able to work around some of the problems and I can assure the Hon. Member that I will work around any problems that I can.

Mr. Benjamin: Mr. Speaker, as the Hon. Minister of Veterans Affairs has so often said: "If it can be done it will be done".

Motion agreed to, Bill read the second time and, by unanimous consent, the House went into committee thereon, Mr. Paproski in the Chair.

Mr. Deputy Chairman: House in Committee of the Whole on Bill C-100, an Act to amend the Pension Act, the War Veterans Allowance Act, to repeal the Compensation for Former Prisoners of War Act and to amend any other Act in relation thereto.

• (1650)

Clauses 1 and 2 inclusive agreed to.

On Clause 3—*Composition of Commission*

Mr. Hopkins: Mr. Chairman, Section 3(1) at page 2 of the Bill states:

There shall be a commission to be known as the Canadian Pension Commission, consisting of not fewer than eight and not more than 14 commissioners, not more than 10 *ad hoc* commissioners and such number of temporary commissioners as the Minister considers necessary.

Will the Minister advise us what effect, if any, this Bill will have on the terms of appointment of present members of the Canadian Pension Commission, and will any be added or subtracted?

Mr. Hees: Mr. Chairman, I am advised that it does not have any effect on present members of the commission.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall Clause 3 carry?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 22 inclusive agreed to.

Schedule A agreed to.

Schedule B agreed to.

Mr. Hopkins: Mr. Chairman, the Minister is to be congratulated for carrying this Bill through quickly this afternoon. Does he have any time schedule for the formal proclamation of this Bill?

Mr. Hees: Mr. Chairman, just as soon as is possible. It is something that is very much overdue. We will bring it in with the greatest possible speed.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall the title carry?

Freshwater Fish Marketing Act

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Title agreed to.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Chairman, I just want to say a couple of words to thank those who have taken part in this debate this afternoon. I want to thank them very much for their extremely able representations and remarks in the debate today. It was a very constructive debate.

I appreciate their support and the kind things they had to say about me. They are not deserved but very much appreciated. I thank them all.

It has been a very good afternoon. We will be bringing more legislation forward as soon as we can find other corrections to make.

Bill reported, concurred in, read the third time and passed.

[*Translation*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of Private Members' Business as listed on today's order paper.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS—PUBLIC

[*English*]

FRESHWATER FISH MARKETING ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed from Monday, November 2, consideration of the motion of Mr. Nickerson that Bill C-211, an Act to amend the Freshwater Fish Marketing Act, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): When the Bill was last before the House, the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. Binns) had the floor.

Mr. Pat Binns (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Oceans): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise to speak to this Private Members' Bill, Bill C-211. Indeed, it is a Bill that has been before the House a number of times. It has been debated in the House for two hours and is now being debated for its third hour this evening.

This Bill was introduced previously as Bill C-235, and was identical in purpose to Bill C-211.

Previous speakers in the debate have indicated the need for the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation and the spirit of co-operation among the federal, provincial and territorial Governments. The Bill was conceived so as to bring order in the marketing of freshwater fish while at the same time increasing returns to fishermen. The financial success of the corporation has been highlighted. Today, however, I would like to focus briefly on the effects of the Bill. It is time to take