The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Bury): I am only suggesting that the hon. member is not in order in discussing the work of the committee.

Mr. McKENZIE (Assiniboia): Then part II of the bill is not in order. I think the proper thing to do is to drop part II and bring in something that will more adequately deal with the question of price spreads.

Mr. WOODSWORTH: Mr. Chairman, I should like to see one word added. The section now reads:

> The minister may, at the request of the board or upon his own initiative authorize an investigation into the cost of production, prices, spread, trade practices, methods of financing, management, policies, grading, transportation and other matters in relation to the production and marketing, adaptation for sale, processing or conversion of any natural product.

I should like to see the word "wages" inserted after the word "prices". Many instances have been revealed in the Stevens committee in which, in the processing, very low wages have been paid. It seems to me that we ought to make it clear that this investigation should be able to include the question of wages. It is quite possible that the words "trade practices" might be stretched to cover the question of wages, but since we are now mentioning cost of production, prices, trade practices, methods of financing and so on, it would be well to specify that consideration should be given to wages as well. There is no class in the community that is more helpless to-day than those people engaged in certain of our packing plants. For the sake of both the producers and the consumers we ought not to allow evil practices of this kind to continue. I think this is a very reasonable request, and I hope the minister may see his way clear to meet us in the matter.

Mr. GUTHRIE: I think wages would be included in the term "cost of production" but I see no objection to specifying "wages" as my hon. friend suggests. Now, in order to get the matter straight, it might be well to move an omnibus motion, to make all the corrections, of which some nine will have to be made. On page 8, at lines 7, 11, 13, 18, 25 and 38, and on page 9, at lines 4, 10, 18, 22 and 30 where the words "regulated product" appear I move that the words "natural or regulated product" be inserted, and that in line 21 on page 8 after the word "prices" the word "wages" be inserted. If that is understood I need not write the motion.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Before the motion is put may I call the attention of the Minister of Justice to this set of circumstances: Where you use the term "natural or regulated product" in regard to a product which is not regulated but is a natural product, do those sections apply?

Mr. GUTHRIE: Yes, part II will apply.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Then it applies to every natural product?

Mr. GUTHRIE: Part II would.

Mr. ELLIOTT: Part II applies to every natural product?

Mr. GUTHRIE: No, "natural product" is defined in the bill.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): "Natural product" always includes "regulated product."

Mr. ELLIOTT: No, there are separate definitions for "natural product" and "regulated product."

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): But one includes the other.

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Bury): Shall the amendment carry?

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. NEILL: I should like to ask the Minister of Justice if he does not think we should insert the corresponding words in subsection 2 of section 17. It states:

> (2) A committee shall be composed of such number of representatives of producers and persons engaged in marketing, . . .

And so on—"of a natural or regulated product." Otherwise the subsection is left loose, and may include any producers or any marketers. The wording does not follow the rest of the part. It should read that these people should be producers, consumers, and so on, of a natural or regulated product. I refer to the second to last line at the foot of the page. The idea is that the people forming the committee should be associated with the product, and it is so carried out in the rest of the sections. In this particular section however the wording has been omitted. The committee might be composed of producers in some other lines.

Mr. COOTE: Would it not be better to leave the discussion of section 17 until we have concluded the discussion on section 16? The representations made by the hon. member for Comox-Alberni (Mr. Neill) would be in order on that section.