

Government Orders

We must have people on that board of directors who understand the hardships that are taking place out there rather than people sitting back ruling with the cold, hard heart of the bankers or economists who do not have to worry about their income but only about their own positions.

I support this resolution because it is badly needed. I hope the government will reconsider its opposition to this motion and the common sense it makes.

Mr. Murray Cardiff (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I would just like to speak briefly to Motion No. 5. Administratively there is difficulty in maintaining a majority of farmers at all times, but experience has demonstrated that the board has always had strong producer representation. As well, there could be difficulty in defining who was a farmer for board membership purposes.

I will give another example. We might have some excellent farmer representatives on that board but if they cease to be a farmer they would then have to resign from the board. We have to provide that board with continuity for proper decision making, et cetera, and it could put us into a position in which we would lose some very good directors and members of that board.

For that reason we feel this amendment is not acceptable.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): The question is on Motion No. 5 standing in the name of the hon. member for Algoma. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): In my opinion the nays have it.

Some hon. members: On division.

Motion negatived.

[*Translation*]

Hon. Monique Vézina (for the Minister of Agriculture) moved:

Motion No. 8.

That Bill C-95 be amended in the English version of Clause 7 by striking out line 36 at page 4 and substituting the following therefor:

“7. (1) The Governor in Council shall ap-”.

Motion No. 9.

That Bill C-95 be amended in the English version of Clause 7 by striking out line 40 at page 4 and substituting the following therefor:

“ate, and shall designate one of them as the”.

[*Translation*]

Motion No. 13.

That Bill C-95 be amended in the French version of Clause 15 by striking out line 22 at page 7 and substituting the following therefor:

“15. Par dérogation à l'article 121”.

• (1235)

[*English*]

Mr. Murray Cardiff (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, these amendments are very technical in nature and really do not change very much.

Motion No. 8 is proposed to make the English version of clause 7(1) consistent with the French version of the bill and with the Financial Administration Act. This amendment changes the word “may” to “shall”.

Motion No. 9 also amends clause 7(1) to make it consistent with the French version of this bill and the Financial Administration Act. Like the previous motion this amendment changes the word “may” to “shall”.

Motion No. 13 changes the French in clause 15 of the bill to make it consistent with the English version. The English version referred to section 121 of the Financial Administration Act while the French version referred to section 121(1) of the FAA. The English version is correct.