

of persons." I think we agree that fishermen should have full representation on both the advisory board and the full board. The minister made this clear many times. If the hon. member who moved the amendment genuinely feels that there may be insufficient representation of fishermen's interests on this board, I hope he will accept my amendment to his amendment and make it possible to appoint people who, while not necessarily actively engaged in fishing, could be representative of those who are so engaged.

I do not think it is necessary to restrict appointments only to those who are actively engaged in fishing. A man may have been a successful fisherman for a number of years and then gone into some other phase of the fishing industry such as marketing. He could make an important contribution on the advisory board. I feel that by permitting the words "persons or representatives of persons" to be inserted after the words "and shall be", the aspirations of the hon. member who moved the amendment would be satisfied and the problem would be met adequately. As the wording of the amendment now stands a man who was an expert fisherman but is no longer engaged in fishing would be excluded from the advisory board. Such a man could not be appointed to the board. If a vacancy had to be filled we should have to go back to the fishing fleet and find another fisherman. I think my subamendment might meet the difficulty. I wonder whether the hon. member who moved the amendment would accept my subamendment.

Mr. Crouse: Mr. Speaker,—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order, please. The hon. member for South Shore has already spoken and will need unanimous consent to take part in the debate again.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Crouse: Mr. Speaker, I listened with interest to the remarks of the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich. Inasmuch as under the new rules there is a requirement that any amendment to be moved must be tabled 24 hours before the bill is dealt with by the house, I wonder whether the subamendment is in order. Aside from that, I should like to see a copy of the subamendment so that I can compare it with the original amendment and understand what we are discussing.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order, please. I must refer the hon. member for

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South Shore and other hon. members to Standing Order 75(8) which reads as follows:

When the order of the day for the consideration of a report stage is called, any amendment of which notice has been given in accordance with section (5) of this order shall be open to debate and amendment.

Consequently the subamendment suggested by the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich is in order and may be moved at this time.

Mr. Anderson: Mr. Speaker, I apologize to all hon. members for not circulating a copy of the subamendment. If hon. members will turn to the second last page of the order paper they will see at the top of the page the amendment moved by the hon. member for South Shore. That amendment reads:

—and shall be actively engaged in the freshwater fishing industry as fishermen.

My suggestion is that certain words be added after the word "be". I am sorry, but I shall have to ask Your Honour to read the subamendment. I have given you my only copy.

• (2:30 p.m.)

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Order. The amendment will now read as follows:

—and at least one-third of whom shall be persons or representatives of persons actively engaged in the freshwater fishing industry as fishermen.

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): It comes as a great surprise and welcome relief, Mr. Speaker, that the hon. member for Esquimalt-Saanich (Mr. Anderson) in consultation with the Minister without Portfolio (Mr. Lang) has finally consented to accept our proposed subamendment. It means that five hours deliberation in committee and a tremendous amount of prior work have not been wasted. This is the sort of thing for which we have been pressing.

As the hon. member for South Shore (Mr. Crouse) indicated earlier this afternoon, the reasons for this amendment are more evident now than when first presented. It sometimes takes a little longer for people who are not exposed to the fishing industry to realize the importance of these things. I am happy to support the amendment. It will now be easier for fishing organizations or unions and their representatives to become involved. The fact the minister has changed his mind is an indication there may be more constructive deliberations on matters pertaining to the welfare of people in various parts of Canada. On page