

Rural Development

Mr. Sauv : Mr. Chairman, such was also our interpretation of the act, at ARDA. The Department of Justice ruled otherwise, and we accepted its decision. That is why we must introduce this bill today.

[English]

Mr. Barnett: In the light of the earlier remarks I addressed to the minister concerning the relationship between ARDA programs and the proposed fisheries development bill, I should like to ask him if he envisages the possibility of certain projects being developed with provinces in which there might be joint participation by the Department of Fisheries and also by ARDA, and which might involve both fisheries development and certain other aspects of rural development. Does the minister foresee the possibility of this kind of development taking place in provinces such as Newfoundland or, for that matter, in any provinces in which a proper case could be made for such a project?

Mr. Sauv : It is quite conceivable.

Mr. Webb: I posed a question to the minister earlier in which I referred to the fact that ARDA was supposed to be prepared to assist industry, or the building of factories in designated areas. I have been unable to find any mention of industry or factories in the act, so I should like to ask the minister if such projects come under ARDA?

Mr. Sauv : I was sorry that this afternoon when the hon. member asked me the question I could not answer it because the question was declared out of order. The answer is yes, and it is done under the federal-provincial rural development agreements. There is no mention of this in the act. It is under the agreements that we have entered into such projects in certain regions, under certain conditions. It becomes very technical.

• (10:10 p.m.)

Mr. Grills: May I ask a question? Does the assistance under the new projects apply to cheese factories, and enterprises such as that?

Mr. Sauv : I hesitate to say yes or no. It depends under what part of the agreement this comes and what the conditions are. Perhaps I could study this and give a written answer. I would not want to commit myself on the floor without going into more detail on the particular case.

Mr. Grills: I was thinking of the amalgamation of old cheese factories into one factory. Could that be set up?

[Mr. Gauthier.]

Mr. Sauv : I think this is covered by another program of the Department of Agriculture. I would not want to give a definitive assurance until I have had a chance to study the particular case.

[Translation]

Mr. Latulippe: Mr. Chairman, I should like to put a question to the minister on the same subject.

Does this ARDA program also include the building of slaughter-houses in various locations or various counties?

Mr. Sauv : It is possible if it is done, for instance, in designated areas or areas termed by us as special rural development areas.

[English]

Clause 1 agreed to.

On clause 2.

[Translation]

Mr. Sauv : Mr. Chairman, the Minister of Public Works (Mr. McIlraith), seconded by the Postmaster General (Mr. C t ), will move the following amendment:

[English]

That Bill C-152, An Act to Provide for the Rehabilitation and Development of Rural Areas in Canada, be amended by striking out Section 2 and substituting therefore:

"2. Section 1 of the said Act is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"1. This Act may be cited as the Rural Development (ARDA) Act."

Mr. Knowles: Mr. Chairman, I rise on a point of order. Can we have some understanding as to what we are doing at this time of night. I have no objection to sitting a short time if we are getting somewhere, but if we have half a dozen speeches to come, we should not go on.

Mr. Danforth: Mr. Chairman, I am rising on this amendment. I think the government and the opposition in the wording of clause 2 section 1 are too far apart. I myself proposed on behalf of the party I represent an amendment to the clause. I wonder if the minister would consider incorporating in his amendment the idea which we intended to embody in ours. If the minister would like to read it, I will furnish him with a copy.

Some hon. Members: Read it.

Mr. Danforth: It is as follows:

That section 2 of Bill C-152 be amended in line 11 thereof by adding the words "Agricultural and" immediately after the word "the".