

costs, as the Canadian wheat board does now? In other words, would some of the operating costs actually come out of the operation?

Mr. KIRK: I do not really know the answer to that except to the extent that I said I think there is a broad presumption that they will do so, in a general way.

Mr. OLSON: Was there any discussion about this?

Mr. KIRK: No.

Mr. OLSON: In (b) 3 of the resolution it is stated that the agency will have the power to place feed grain supplies in public storage at the appropriate locations, at the times required and in sufficient quantity.

Will there be any conflict with the board of grain commissioners who now allocate storage for various purposes? In your thinking have you protected the position of the Canadian wheat board? Will they have sufficient storage available to them in certain terminal positions so they can ship their commitments?

Mr. KIRK: I have no doubt whatever in my own mind that problems will arise in connection with the availability of storage and access to storage for various customers; they arise all the time.

One of the reasons for setting up an agency policy in the first place was that we felt we needed a central organization which was not attached to any one of the agencies involved with storage. This was to ensure that the process and policy of providing storage to the competing users—and very often they are competing users—would be carried out satisfactorily.

Mr. OLSON: Would you suggest that the board of grain commissioners would maintain that authority to allocate storage, or would some of it be turned over to this agency?

Mr. KIRK: I do not know the answer to this question.

I think it is quite clear that in one way or another there must be a satisfactory solution to the storage problem. I do not know precisely in detail how this will work out.

Mr. OLSON: I have one more question.

In clause (c) of the resolution it is stated that the agency, and the responsible minister, shall have advisory to it and charged with definite and defined responsibilities a committee composed of persons formally representative of organized farm groups in eastern Canada and British Columbia.

Is this intended to be similar to the advisory committee to the Canadian wheat board?

Mr. KIRK: Yes, it is. The advisory committee to the Canadian wheat board is so composed.

Mr. OLSON: This would be a committee quite apart from the commissioners or the board members?

Mr. KIRK: Yes. There will be the commission or the board or the agency, and then there will be a committee advisory to it.

Mr. VINCENT: That would be done in the same way as our Farm Credit Corporation?

Mr. KIRK: That is right.

Mr. OLSON: In clause (d) you say that the agency will have power immediately after the creation of the projected agency to place the policy of feed freight assistance on a statutory basis.

Would you explain the term "statutory basis"?

Mr. KIRK: Feed freight assistance today results from a policy that is enacted by order in council. The moneys are appropriated under the Appropriations Act. We are suggesting that the feed freight assistance policy, as a policy,