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Mr. Dixon: I have been reluctant to press this because I was hoping to have \$25,000 in an agreement rather than in the brochure, rather than \$10,000.

Mr. Cross: Mr. Chairman, we are not going to speak at any great length or delay this measure, and I would not wish anything that has been said here tonight to be construed as opposition to the Bill by the members of our party, however, I would like to say that I do not believe the committee system has enhanced its image across Canada by the action which has occurred here tonight. We took our stand because we felt that certain parts of this Bill are inconsistent with provisions in a previous measure which has passed. We are in agreement with Clause 1 which calls for an increase of from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

When I spoke on the measure in the House on second reading I indicated that we, for our part, would even be in agreement if this were increased to \$50,000 as the Minister indicated in his comments and as was stated before this Committee in meetings that had been held in his native province of British

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Columbia. This is a move that is almost necessitated by the increased costs today, and if at some future date it was decided to follow this course would be in the agreement.

We also wish to see an extension of the repayment period which we believe is not adequate at the present time, in view of the new factors which have entered into the fishing industry which cause a loss of income from the fisheries as a result of pollution and other problems. So it is not our intention to move any amendments this evening, nor in any way to delay the passage of this Bill, because as I stated, believe that the committee system has not enhanced its image by its actions here tonight. Therefore, we will reserve our proposals to make amendments and any other recommendations we may have for this Bill at the report stage and third reading in the House.

Clause 1 and 2 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

The Chairman: Shall I report the Bill?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chairman: This Committee is adjourned to the call of the Chair.

[Interpretation]

M. Dixon: J'espère qu'on insérera \$25,000 dans la brochure plutôt que \$10,000.

M. Cross: Je ne veux pas retarder le travail du comité, et je ne voudrais pas qu'on pense que les membres de mon parti s'opposent au Bill, mais j'aimerais dire que je ne pense pas que le système de comité aient fait une bonne réputation au Canada en raison de ce qui s'est passé ici ce soir. Nous avons pris cette position parce que nous trouvions que certaines parties du Bill ne correspondaient pas aux mesures prises antérieurement. Nous sommes d'accord avec l'article 1, où il s'agit d'une augmentation de \$10,000 à \$25,000.

Quand j'ai parlé de cela à la Chambre, lors de la deuxième lecture, j'ai dit que nous serions d'accord si on portait le système à \$50,000. Comme le ministre l'a dit dans ses commentaires, ici et dans des discussions qu'il a eues au Columbia Britannique. Ceci est nécessaire à cause de l'augmentation des

coûts, à l'échelle actuelle, et si à l'avenir vous décidez de procéder de cette façon, nous serions d'accord.

Nous souhaiterions aussi qu'on étende la période de remboursement qui, selon nous, ne suffit pas, étant donné les nouveaux facteurs qui surgissent dans l'industrie des pêches, et qui causent des manques de revenus à cause de la pollution et d'autres problèmes. Nous n'avons pas l'intention de proposer des amendements ce soir ou de retarder l'approbation du Bill, parce que, selon nous, le système des comités n'a pas amélioré sa réputation ce soir. Nous allons attendre, pour faire des recommandations et proposer des amendements, la troisième lecture.

Les articles 1 et 2 sont approuvés.

Le titre est approuvé.

Le président: Puis-je remettre le Bill à la Chambre?

Des hon. M. D. O.

Le président: Le Comité est réuni.