

*Western Grain Stabilization Act***WESTERN GRAIN STABILIZATION ACT**

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House proceeded to the consideration of Bill C-132, an Act to amend the Western Grain Stabilization Act, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): There are two motions in amendment on the *Order Paper and Notices* for report stage of Bill C-132, an Act to amend the Western Grain Stabilization Act. Motions Nos. 1 and 2 are acceptable and will be debated and voted on separately. I shall now put Motion No. 1 to the House.

Mr. Vic Althouse (for Mr. Hovdebo) moved:

Motion No. 1.

That Bill C-132 be amended in Clause 19 by striking out line 14 at page 20 and substituting the following therefor:

"man and four other members to be".

He said: I proposed this amendment, the effect of which is to provide an executive committee of a chairman and four members instead of an executive committee of seven members, to make it simpler to operate.

Lee Clark (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I would like to explain briefly to the House why the Government prefers that the Motion No. 1 not be approved, and why the Government proposes that there be full and regional representation. The Government proposes that there should be eight members in total on the committee rather than five, as the motion moved by the Hon. Member for Humboldt—Lake Centre (Mr. Althouse) on behalf of the Hon. Member for Prince Albert (Mr. Hovdebo) would provide for.

We are seeking the opportunity to ensure that there be as full a regional representation as possible on this advisory committee. The opportunity to have eight members instead of five would enable us to add one additional member from each of the three prairie and grain producing provinces.

Therefore, we hope that the House would give us the authority to enlarge the committee because we believe that greater representation on the part of the industry is in the interests of the industry. The more opportunity we provide the industry itself to be directly represented the better it will be for the industry as a whole.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Some Hon. Members: No.

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

Some Hon. Members: Yea.

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

Some Hon. Members: Nay.

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

Motion No. 1 (Mr. Hovdebo) negatived.

Hon. Frank Oberle (for the Minister of State (Grains and Oilseeds)) moved:

Motion No. 2.

That Bill C-132 be amended in Clause 26 by adding immediately after line 16 at page 22 the following:

"(7) The provisions of the said Act enacted by this Act, other than those in respect of which subsections (1) to (5) apply, shall be deemed to have come into force on July 31, 1988 and, for greater certainty, the following provisions of the said Act shall apply in respect of the crop year ending on that date, namely:

(a) the amendments to subsection 2(1) of the said Act, set out in subsections 1(1) to (3);

(b) subsections 4(2) to (4) of the said Act, as enacted by section 2;

(c) the amendments to paragraphs 8(4)(a) to (c) and subsections 8(5) and (6) of the said Act, as enacted by section 3;

(d) the amendments to paragraphs 10(1)(b) and (1.1)(b) and subsection 10(2) of the said Act, as enacted by section 4; and

(e) section 12 of the said Act, as enacted by section 5."

Mr. Lee Clark (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a few moments to explain why Motion No. 2 has been introduced at this particular point. The difficulty that has arisen is that Bill C-132 may not be enacted into legislation as early as we had anticipated. This amendment would ensure that once Bill C-132 is proclaimed, it will take effect as of July 31, 1988, and shall be deemed to have come into force on that date. Therefore, it shall apply retroactively to the entire 1987-88 crop year.

During the committee stage of the Bill it appeared that there was a reasonable possibility that the Bill would not be proclaimed until sometime in August, assuming passage through the House and the other place. The purpose of this amendment is to make it very clear that the Bill shall be deemed to have come into effect on July 31, which is the last day of the crop year, and it shall apply retroactively to the entire 1987-88 crop year.

Mr. Vic Althouse (Humboldt—Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have no negative reaction to this particular proposal. I regret that the Government had worded it in that manner to begin with.

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