

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION

Second report of Special Committee on Environmental Pollution—Mr. Anderson.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

CANADA GRAIN ACT

ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION, PROVISIONS RESPECTING, GRADING, LICENCES, ELEVATORS, ETC.

The House resumed consideration of Bill C-196, respecting grain, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, motion No. 3 (Mr. Horner).

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

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Horner: Before the question is put, Mr. Speaker, would the minister comment on the point I made? His fellow members may be looking to him for guidance in deciding how they vote. I think they pretty well accept my argument and I appreciate that, but I wonder whether the minister would clear up this matter.

Mr. Olson: Mr. Speaker, the only comment I make is that amendment No. 3 was discussed in the committee on June 16, as reported at page 28 of report No. 40. It was defeated on June 16, as indicated at page 49 of that report.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): All those in favour of motion No. 3 will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

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

Some hon. Members: Nay.

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

And more than five members having risen:

● (4:30 p.m.)

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Pursuant to Standing Order No. 75(II), the recorded division on proposed motion No. 3 stands deferred.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Until when?

Canada Grain Act

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot) moved:

That Bill C-196, an act respecting grain, be amended by deleting subclause 50 of clause 2 and substituting therefor:

"(50) "weigh-over" means

(a) in respect of a licensed primary elevator, the weighing up of all grain in the elevator;

(b) in respect of a licensed terminal or transfer elevator the weighing up and inspecting of the grain, grain products and screenings contained therein for the purpose of determining the amount of grain of each grade, grain products and screenings therein for the purpose of determining the stock of each such grade in the elevator and whether there is an overage or shortage of grain of any grade, grain products or screenings."

He said: Mr. Speaker, for a moment or two I thought the House was about to adopt the amendment without hearing my persuasive arguments. Naturally, that would be very acceptable to me. This amendment is not quite as simple nor as clear as the last one. I say that for the benefit of those not fully knowledgeable on the question of weigh-overs and elevator companies. Having said it is not quite as clear, I hope hon. members will give me their undivided attention so that when I am through they will be very clear as to what this amendment purports to do.

The system regarding of weigh-overs has always been a very important part of the operations of the Board of Grain Commissioners. There is no question that in the grain trade this board has acted, in essence, as a policeman. Up until this time the board has been very careful in checking the grading, dockage and shrinkage to which producers may be subject at the elevators when they deliver their grain. In doing so, the weigh-overs in the elevators must be checked very closely to make certain there is no build-up of grain purchased over the years because of faulty scales or by taking off too much for dockage, and so on. It may well build up. The bill before the House of Commons suggests that weigh-over means the weighing and inspection of all grains of any grade. Grades and grain in a terminal elevator may well change, because the primary elevators today have the right to mix grain. If I take in a load of No. 4 wheat and my neighbour takes in a load of No. 2, the primary elevator can mix those two grades and come up with a No. 3 grade.

Up until this time in the terminal elevators the first four grades of wheat could be mixed, but in the primary elevators, to which this clause applies, there can be no mixing because the clause says that weigh-over means the weighing and inspection of all grain of any grade in an elevator. Basically,