We assume that this motion provides sufficient flexibility for the Minister of Agriculture responsible to conduct such an evaluation. Certainly we, on this side, will support the hon. member's motion.

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, I want to indicate my support for this motion. As the minister indicated, I was not at the Prince Albert meeting of ministers last July. The problem was that many groups, like the Canadian Federation of Agriculture which represents Prairie Pools and other groups, were not there either.

Essentially what we had was a carving up of the pie, with the federal government reducing its input by 50 per cent from 50 per cent of premium to 25 per cent of premium. The province is assuming a 25 per cent premium and the farmer is left with the same percentage, 50 per cent of the premium.

The problem with that is that this legislation is very good in some ways. It brings in the waterfowl coverage and more flexibility. Most of all, it increases coverage in many areas of the country from 70 per cent to 90 per cent. That is very important. The problem is that the premiums go up. For instance, in Ontario the premium rate for a car going from 70 per cent to 90 per cent increases from 2.4 per cent of whatever your coverage is to 6.9 per cent. That is almost a 300 per cent increase to gain a 20 per cent improvement in coverage.

The same applies in Saskatchewan where hard red spring wheat goes from 12.5 per cent to 19.5 per cent. That is why I am delighted, because that represents at least a 50 per cent increase of the premium.

Perhaps, since the minister has indicated that he is willing to have this consultation, we will not have this backroom deal taking place in Prince Albert where the three partners—the provincial government, the federal government and the producers— will be at the table so that there will be more consultation. Although the objectives of the bill are laudable because they are going to provide up to 90 per cent coverage, the premiums are going to go up by 50 per cent to go from that 70 per cent coverage which is typical in the west to a 90 per cent coverage which is what we are seeking to achieve.

In many cases, it is even more dramatic than that. In Ontario, for instance, in winter wheat just to go from 80 per cent to 90 per cent, you have an increase of 63 per cent in the premiums. In corn, just to go from 80 per cent to 90 per cent, you have a 64 per cent increase in the premiums. You end up with a good program, but will farmers take it? Mostly, across the country, farmers are saying that they like the program but the premiums are too high to get that maximum coverage. That is why our proposal to have a tripartite arrangement, as we have for pork, beef and other commodities, would be so much more improved. But perhaps with this consultation mechanism proposed in Motion No. 9, there will not be this kind of backroom deal, with the federal and provincial governments, two parts in the tripartite arrangement, cutting a deal with the farmer left out in the cold and still paying 50 per cent of the premium and ending up with a premium so high and so unfairly cost shared that farmers will not be able to afford the additional coverage.

That is made so clear in the Canadian Federation of Agriculture brief which supports the Prairie Pools. It was made clear by the Canadian corn producers and the Ontario soybean producers. The problem of the whole bill is whether or not we are going to get the adequate coverage.

I want to indicate support from our caucus for this amendment. We have a more formal proposal in Motion No. 10 which would establish a much more formal arrangement for an advisory committee, but I will wait to speak on that a little later.

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

Some Hon. Members: Question.

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

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion No. 9 agreed to.

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma) moved:

Motion No. 10

That Bill C-48 be amended in Clause 8 by adding immediately after line 44 at page 7 the following:

"13.1(1) The Minister may constitute an advisory committee on any terms and conditions determined by the Minister.

(2) The advisory committee may be composed of persons designated by the producers to whom this Act applies, of such persons responsible for the implementation of this Act as are appointed by the Minister and of such persons responsible for the implementation of any insurance scheme and waterfowl crop