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been agreed by letter, and in every way. The lands that are under this are practically all similar to the Matador ranch. They are suitable so far as the lands are concerned. Those co-operatives are under now and will remain under. If they have not been passed upon, they will be.

Mr. Charlton: In other words established co-operative farms will be automatically approved by the board?

Mr. Gardiner: Yes.

Section agreed to.

Sections 2, 3 and 4 agreed to.

Bill reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: When shall the bill be read the third time?

Some hon. Members: Now.

Mr. Gardiner moved the third reading of the bill.

Mr. Charlton: I do not think it is fair to read the bill a third time when it has not been printed.

Mr. Gardiner: It has been printed. That has been repeated over and over again, and it is not so. Scarcely a bill goes through the house without some amendment. We do not reprint a bill because there is an amendment in it. One section in this bill has been amended, and that is all. That amendment was read and discussed for days in committee. My hon. friend sat there all the time it was being discussed, and helped draft the amendment. To say it has not been printed is not correct.

Bill read the third time and passed.

DEFENCE SERVICES PENSIONS

METHOD OF COMPUTATION—CREATION OF SERVICE PENSION BOARD

Hon. Brooke Claxton (Minister of National Defence) moved that the house go into committee to consider Bill No. 134, to amend the Militia Pension Act and change the title thereof.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Dion in the chair.

On section 1—*Title of Militia Pension Act changed.*

Mr. Harkness: Mr. Chairman, this bill was referred to the committee set up to consider Bill No. 133, respecting national defence. Careful consideration having been given to the bill by that committee, I do not think it is necessary to repeat the objections raised at that time to some of the sections.

All these sections concerned money matters; therefore the committee really had no power to make any material change. During the course of discussion in the committee certain recommendations were made by some members, particularly by the hon. member for Nanaimo, and those recommendations are set out in the proceedings of the committee.

I understand that there will be further amendments to this act, either at the next or the following session. I draw these recommendations to the minister's attention and express the hope that they may be given serious consideration when further amendments to the act are suggested.

Mr. Claxton: Mr. Chairman, I can give the hon. member the assurance that those recommendations are already receiving consideration. It was found that a number of them would involve consequential amendments, and also might involve new principles which would have to be considered. However I can give the hon. member the assurance he wishes to have.

Section agreed to.

Sections 2 to 17 inclusive agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

At one o'clock the house took recess.

The house resumed at three o'clock.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

CONSOLIDATION AND REVISION OF EXISTING LEGISLATION—ORGANIZATION FOR DEFENCE—CODE OF SERVICE, DISCIPLINE, ETC.

Hon. Brooke Claxton (Minister of National Defence) moved that the house go into committee to consider Bill No. 133, respecting national defence.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Dion in the chair.

On section 1—*Short title.*

Mr. Claxton: Mr. Chairman, before the house takes up consideration of the bill I should like to express my appreciation to the members of the committee established especially to consider this and the other two defence measures. I think it was their experience, as well as that of others concerned with these important measures, that during their thirteen meetings they met together and discussed objectively the matters contained in the bills, with the sole purpose of having just as good a set of legislation relative to national defence as was possible.