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bill should be introduced by a cabinet minister.

There is no question about the fact that I do not understand this bill as well as some other members understand it. However, it seems to me the points that have been raised are points in which many people in Canada are interested, especially in view of the rapid changes taking place in this field, and there may be a desire to make sure these new schools are not being overlooked by the conference.

**Miss Jewett:** Dealing with the hon. member's first point, once again I think it is important to emphasize that the role which the association plays in distributing the per capita grants at the request of the federal government is minor in relation to its whole role. Its whole role is comparable to many other associations. It is true it needs incorporation because of its financial responsibility, but its total purpose is far more in the private than in the public realm. If the time comes, and the hon. member suggested it might, when these roles were reversed, his argument would be very well taken; but at the moment that is not the case.

The association does a great deal of research. It provides an information service for its members. It has an awards division and an international program division. It has a great many jobs to do which, as a voluntary association of universities it is quite justified in doing, and which jobs really have nothing to do with the federal government.

On the second point with regard to the new universities, some of these at the moment are being processed, and others have already been processed. We did not amend the schedule because once they have reached the criteria set out by the association they will automatically become members. As I say, they have already done so or are in the process of doing so now.

I might add that in the bylaws of the association there is a definition of criteria it has established for membership. These include that a college or university, in each of the three years preceding its date for application, must have had a total enrolment of at least 200 members, and must satisfy a visiting committee appointed by the board of directors of the association that it is providing education of university standard.

This brings me to the third point in the hon. member's speech which I found very interesting, but again a little further afield than the actual bill before us. My impression

of both the national conference of Canadian universities and colleges and the C.U.F., which this association is replacing, is that there is among their number a very wide representation of the point of view that the hon. member expressed, that provided the criteria are met, particularly the two with regard to enrolment of 200 and being of university education level, as many institutions as possible should be included. But beyond that I cannot go, except to assure the hon. member that this is a matter of a great deal of concern to institutions now members of the association.

Clause agreed to.

On clause 2—*Objects*.

**Mr. Howard:** I am expressing my own personal point of view, but it seems to me we should be concerning ourselves with so-called higher education, or education at the university level, as being the type of education which is necessary to foster and promote the greatest possible development in Canada. Therefore we should be looking—and I hope to heaven the government one day will do so—at the question of higher education from the point of view of having the federal parliament involved in it, participating as fully as possible and trying to promote and advance the interests of Canada rather than continuing to promote and advance the segmentation of Canada.

I put this forth purely as a personal and individual point of view, but many people are becoming vitally concerned about the question of education at the higher or university level. This is what we should be doing and, with that viewpoint in mind, I say the objectives of the association cannot be met so long as we continue to adhere to an outmoded concept of education that the fathers of confederation developed in 1867.

**Mr. Winkler:** I would simply like to say that I think the remarks of the previous speaker were quite correct and I believe this bill is one step in that direction. I wish to add that being a member of the board of governors of one of the universities that are listed, I think this chamber should see this bill is passed as a step along that road.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Rondeau:** Mr. Chairman, I have nothing against section I of Bill No. S-36 because it is designed to incorporate into an association universities and colleges in Canada. But section 2, as the hon. member for