projects being brought forward by provinces in Canada where the necessity for power development is just as great as it is anywhere in Canada, and where the needs of the people are just as great as they are anywhere else. Some of these provinces are proceeding with these projects themselves, without any assistance from the federal government. The province of Saskatchewan indicated to the government of Canada—if they have not done so since we went out they did so before we went out—when we made this proposition to the maritime provinces that we were under obligation to apply the same principles to Saskatchewan. I would say, too—

Mr. Thomas (Middlesex West): I rise on a point of order, Mr. Chairman. There was a point of order raised a few moments ago, and in support of that point of order I wish to point out that the amendment submitted on this point was ruled out of order by a former chairman.

Mr. Lesage: Speaking to the point of order, I would say that the hon. member for Melville is certainly in order because he could end his remarks by moving an amendment to clause 3 that the word "Atlantic" in the fourth line of the clause be deleted. Then, this clause would apply to all the provinces.

Mr. Ellis: Thus endeth the second lesson.

Mr. Gardiner: I have not very much more to say.

An hon. Member: You have not said anything yet.

Mr. Gardiner: My friend says that I have not said anything yet.

The Chairman: Order. I believe the hon. member should refrain from discussing matters which are not relevant to this clause. He could discuss those matters on clause 1 or on second reading, but not when we are considering a particular clause. I would ask the hon. member to direct his remarks to the item in front of him.

Mr. Gardiner: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I shall keep my remarks strictly relevant to the relationship between this construction which is going on and one other construction which is taking place in another province in Canada. I am not going beyond that. The fact is that the principles behind the two are the same. In the one case the federal government is giving assistance, so I think they should give assistance in the other.

If they do, it will change the whole picture in connection with the South Saskatchewan river project. It will change it in this way. If the federal government is responsible for power—there is always the possibility of changing policy in relation to matters of that kind to meet the situation which arises—and if they are in favour of federal development of power within one province, there is no reason in the world why the people of Saskatchewan should pay for the power development in connection with the South Saskatchewan river unless it is done on a basis similar to that which is applied to the development of power elsewhere.

Those are the things I wanted to say, and I have said them. I also want to say that I am in favour of the development of power in the maritime provinces and to repeat what has been said previously, namely that the whole policy laid out in connection with it was on the record before the last government went out of power. I congratulate our people here on at last getting around to doing what we had intended to do.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 4 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

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

Some hon. Members: Now.

Mr. Lesage: Next sitting.

Mr. Argue: Next sitting.

AGRICULTURE

MEASURE TO PROVIDE GUARANTEED PRICES FOR CERTAIN COMMODITIES, ETC.

The house resumed, from Friday, December 20, consideration of the motion of Mr. Harkness for the second reading of Bill No. 237, to provide for the stabilization of the prices of agricultural commodities, and the amendment thereto of Mr. McCullough.

Mr. J. W. Baskin (Renfrew South): Mr. Speaker, I had just about completed my remarks on this important bill when we arrived at the hour of ten o'clock on the evening of December 20. I should like to take a few moments at this time to remind hon. members of what I was saying on the evening of December 20. I mentioned that I was very much in support of this bill and that it provides a sound and flexible price support program for our farmers across Canada. I mentioned further that I thought it would give much-needed stability to the livestock and dairy production industry, also to fruits and vegetables and other basic products of our agricultural economy. I mentioned further that while I was supporting this bill 100 per cent, I also wanted to see consideration given in the future to the many farmers