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federal government's proportion of the cost varies between 50 per cent and one third of the net cost to the province. Under the present general agreement the province would pay the cost that would normally accrue to the Indian reserves. However, under this proposal in Bill No. C-22, the Indians themselves, through their own bands, would be obliged to pay their share. Certainly in my area I do not think they have the necessary money available. Hence I think this bill would be less beneficial to the Indian band than is the present ARDA. Under ARDA it is quite possible to undertake a rehabilitation scheme in an Indian reserve as forming a part of the region.

Mr. Fisher: May I ask the hon. member a question?

Mr. Chatterton: Yes.

Mr. Fisher: Is the hon. member assuming that this bill would block off these other grants for programs?

Mr. Chatterton: The point is well taken. I was going to come to that matter. Under this bill I think there might be a tendency for the provincial government to say, "Here is another alternative the federal government can employ". In other words the federal government can make a separate agreement with the Indian band rather than an agreement with the province, with the province assuming the share of the Indian band. Keeping in mind the purpose of the bill, I think perhaps there might be another way of attaining the same objective, namely by way of special arrangements between the federal government and the provincial governments when Indian reservations are involved, and that maybe in those special cases the federal government's share of the cost to the province may be increased. I do not know whether or not this matter is being considered. However, I suggest that it might be a better solution to the problem than that which the hon. member for Port Arthur has outlined, and I think it would possibly be more acceptable to the Indian bands. Certainly it would be more acceptable to those in my area. As the situation is now, there are in my area bands which I do not think would be able to put up the amount of money that would be required, assuming that the same ratio of federal participation applies as it does now with the provinces. They will not be able to put up their share for any worth-while capital improvement or rehabilitation program in the area.

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Chatterton: I wanted to say this. I agree wholeheartedly with the intent of the hon. member's bill, I commend the objective. I think perhaps we should get together with the minister and I think the minister should get together with the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration (Mr. Bell). Perhaps this additional share which the federal government might bear could be contributed to ARDA by the Indian affairs branch. That might be the better solution. Coming back to the question of regional development, may I say that the situation would be regrettable. I know that the regional planning board would object if the federal government steps in directly with the provincial government and undertakes a separate development plan for one little area within the region for which an over-all general plan exists.

Some hon. Members: Question.

An hon. Member: Kill the bill.

Mr. Chatterton: The objectives are commendable. However, I think the same objectives can be obtained in some other way by agreement with the federal government and special agreements with the provinces.

An hon. Member: Kill the bill.

Mr. Robichaud: That is the third time you have said that.

Mr. Speaker: Order. For the edification of certain members who have been making some comment, may I say that a number of other hon. members had indicated their anxiety to speak on this bill. Hence they are perhaps doing a little bit of speculating on their own.

An hon. Member: Six o'clock.

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Mr. Chevrier: May I inquire from the house leader whether there is any change in the business for Monday and next week as announced last evening.

Mr. Churchill: Perhaps I will put the items on *Hansard* again.

Mr. Chevrier: I think that procedure is advisable.

Mr. Churchill: They are the same as they were. We start off on Monday with the resolution concerning the Freight Rates Reduction Act which is No. 15 on today's order paper. That item will be followed by Bill C-59, dealing with public harbours. Then we shall take the resolution in the name of the Minister of Transport dealing with the Aeronautics Act.

Mr. Chevrier: What number is that?