

*Pollution Awareness Week*

truly grateful. I hope that that spirit will reign once again this afternoon in order that we may move through the report stage and third reading within the next few minutes.

**Mr. William Knowles (Norfolk-Haldimand):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to corroborate many of the statements just made by the hon. member for Burnaby-Richmond-Delta (Mr. Goode). I sat on the committee which met a day or two ago at which this amendment was discussed, and the agreement was as has been stated by the hon. member. As he said, the chief objection to the timing was that it might conflict with National Wildlife Week and, therefore, lose some of its impact.

The fact that this is a necessary and useful bill stems from the fact that much public attention now is drawn to environmental pollution and the study of the environment in all its phases. Therefore I think it serves to underline, if that is necessary, the need for public attention in respect of this very important social aspect of our society. While the bill is a rather simple one, it does not do much more than that. Perhaps it will be the forerunner of other legislation and will support other legislation affecting our environment, such as the Canada Water Act. So we on this side of the House go along with what the hon. member said and we are ready to give this bill speedy passage.

**Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak very briefly on the bill which is before us and say that our group has no hesitation in giving full support to the legislation. I am a member of the committee which dealt with the bill. I am pleased that we are to have a change in name, not so much because the name itself is a major factor in dealing with environmental problems but the change from Canadian National Pollution Awareness Week to Canadian National Environment Week is certainly an improvement and will bring home to the youngsters in our schools, who will no doubt have this drawn to their attention in October of each year, the fact that pollution is very much concerned with every aspect of environmental policy.

There has been a tremendous change among members of this House and the public regarding environmental problems. It is good to see people in all parties and in every section of the country determined that at long last we shall clean up our environment. I believe this bill is a step toward making them aware of this problem and, as I said earlier, I have no hesitation in fully endorsing it.

**Mr. G. H. Aiken (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a few comments on this bill. The hon. member's idea has survived, although the title and all clauses of the bill have been amended. That is quite a mauling for a committee to give a bill but, as he said, he undertook to introduce these amendments and I think they will help in making the bill more effective.

● (4:10 p.m.)

[Mr. Goode.]

I rise merely to make one suggestion in connection with the choice of week for pollution awareness. We are aware of pollution during the whole year. We cannot help being aware of it. The public is aware of it. We who represent the public are aware of the many problems associated with it. It is not just one week of the year that we will be aware of pollution, or of the environment, as the amendment reads.

I suggest that for communities which have special water pollution problems—and there are a number of them—combined with the second week in October they might have a “soap week” in order to make people more aware of the pollution problem. This would be a good idea for communities which have special water pollution problems caused by phosphate detergents. During that week the communities could encourage their citizens to use non-phosphate cleansers, and have the local water resource commissions tabulate the results. If a special program such as this were undertaken in various parts of the country, environment week would have a much greater impact.

It is generally recognized that there is not enough phosphate-free soap in Canada to meet the needs of the people. But there should be enough phosphate-free detergent available for communities which have these special problems. Preparations for such a program could be made early in the fall after schools have reopened. I have found that high school students are keenly aware of the pollution problem and are anxious to do something about it. That is another reason why I support this proposal.

Motion No. 3 (Mr. Goode) agreed to.

**Mr. Goode** moved that Bill C-25, respecting Canadian National Pollution Awareness Week, as amended, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard):** When shall the said bill be read the third time? By leave, now?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Goode** moved that the bill as amended be read the third time and do pass.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

**Mr. Jerome:** Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise the House that we have agreed to proceed with Bill C-32 in the name of the hon. member for Peel South (Mr. Chappell).

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard):** Shall items Nos. 2 and 3 stand?

**Some hon. Members:** Stand.