

Explosives Act

engaged in mining and quarrying as well, is quite in order. I would support that. But to compare a box of .22 calibre shells with a case of dynamite or a jug of nitro-glycerine is, to say the least, ludicrous. Under this bill they are all in the same bag.

I would suggest further that if those who drafted this legislation believe that it will be an immediate panacea for the improvement of law and order in this country, I think they are engaging in wishful thinking. In my opinion nothing could be much further from the truth. In this bill I believe we are making it more difficult for our law-abiding citizens. Crooks do not obey the laws. Crooks do not use registered guns nor do they follow proper channels in order to obtain explosives. I am particularly concerned because I do not know what the regulations made under this bill will be. On my farm we have stored about 5 tons of ammonium nitrate. In another place diesel fuel is stored. According to the best information I can obtain, those are the ingredients of a very potent explosive. This legislation would appear to be an example of bureaucratic

red tape. Will my men be prohibited from driving home with a truck loaded with ammonium nitrate?

In my opinion the lumping of a box of .22 calibre shells, a case of dynamite and a jug of nitro-glycerine under the same heading is completely ludicrous. I will, however, support the most stringent regulations to provide for an exact accounting of explosives and registration of firearms. One of my prize possessions is a muzzle-loading shotgun that my great-great grandfather brought out to this country from Ireland. I have spent considerable money on it. It is sound and safe. It has been tested. Occasionally I like to load and fire it. I would hesitate to go through all the red tape that is inherent in this bill so that I could fire my great-great grandfather's muzzle-loading shotgun. Under this bill this would be illegal unless the regulations provide some relief.

Mr. Speaker, I notice it is six o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: It being six o'clock this House stands adjourned until two o'clock tomorrow.

At six o'clock the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to standing order.