

Excise

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): It was carried, Mr. Chairman.

On clause 18.

The Chairman: There is an amendment before the committee which I will first have to put. It is moved by the hon. member for Rosedale:

That Bill C-40, an act to amend the Excise Tax Act and the Excise Act, be amended by adding thereto immediately after Clause 18 thereof the following subclause:

(2) Paragraph (b) of the definition "municipality" in subsection 2(1) of the *Excise Tax Act* is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(b) such other local authority as the Governor in Council may determine to be a municipality for the purposes of this Act;"

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): That has been put and passed, I believe.

The Chairman: Not according to the record before me. Shall the amendment carry?

Some hon. Members: Carried.

Amendment (Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale)) agreed to.

Clause 18, as amended, agreed to.

Mr. Cullen: Mr. Chairman, there were two amendments and I thought you were referring to the second one. There was a request from the acting House leader for the opposition that we change "two years" to "three years".

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): That was put through.

The Chairman: I am told that that amendment was carried. So clause 18, as amended, is carried. The committee will now proceed to consideration of clause 19.

Clauses 19 and 20 agreed to.

On clause 21.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Chairman, on a point of order, I wish to address my remarks to section 11 of the amended schedule in clause 21, but I am prepared to cede my place, if that is your desire, to members who wish to address themselves to sections 9 or 10. I have some comments to make about sections 11 and 12, and if you want us to take them in any order I am quite prepared to continue my remarks on section 11 and subsequently on section 12.

The Chairman: There is nothing to prevent the hon. member from proceeding now. We are considering the whole of clause 21 and he may refer to any part of the clause. It is for the hon. member to decide whether he wants to make his comments now or later.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): I am glad the minister has now come into the chamber because there were two or three questions of fact that I wanted to be sure of, Mr. Chairman. Just to put the minister in the picture, I am addressing myself to section 11 of clause 21, appearing on page 11 of the bill. I should like to ask the minister whether the purpose of this particular modification in the schedule is to raise revenue, or is it designed to impose restraints on the use of energy? That is my first question and I have three or four questions to ask subsequently.

[The Chairman.]

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): The answer, Mr. Chairman, is both. It primarily relates to an energy conservation program.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Having established that, my second question is to ask whether the minister can give us some notion of the amount of revenue expected from this particular measure?

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Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): That is what we are trying to get for the hon. member, Mr. Chairman, the usual precise answer, and perhaps somebody else would like to get up while we are getting that.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): I have a couple of other questions which I should perhaps ask at this stage. I wonder if it is correct to assume that the imposition of this 10 per cent in respect of this matter of boats will be added to the federal sales tax now in existence on the books, namely 12 per cent, so that the total tax on boats of this sort will be 22 per cent.

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): It is 10 on 12. The 12 per cent is the basic sales tax and the 10 per cent is on the 12 per cent.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): That means we would have 11.2 per cent altogether; the 10 per cent and the 12 per cent?

An hon. Member: No, it is 22 per cent.

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): I do not want to challenge the hon. member's mathematics too severely but—

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): It is 23.2 per cent.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): I appreciate that smart answer, but I was being quite serious. When the minister says it is 10 on 12, that could mean 10 per cent of 12 per cent, and that is 1.2 per cent. If you add 1.2 per cent to 10 per cent you get 11.2 per cent. Is it 11.2 per cent or 22 per cent?

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): It is 10 per cent plus 12 per cent, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): All right, it is 10 per cent plus 12 per cent. Now we have some facts before us.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): It is 12 per cent plus 10 per cent; 23.2 per cent altogether.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Is it 22 per cent altogether?

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): No, it is 23.2 per cent.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): All right, 23.2 per cent.

An hon. Member: Now you are in the ball park.

Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): I wonder if we have an answer now to the other question about the amount of revenue expected from this particular measure.