Amendments to the Western Grain Transportation Act

Subsection 37.1(3) outlines the two factors which must be borne in mind by the Commission in fixing a date, namely to ensure that the maximum amount of grain possible within the limits of the Agreement is shipped by the date fixed and to provide reasonable notice of the date to the grain industry and railway companies.

Clause 215

Clause 215 amends subsection 44(1) to include provision for the shipper to bear the full rate after a fixed date whereas previously the proportion of the WGTA subsidy to be borne by shippers and the Government were applicable for the entire crop year.

Clause 216

Clause 216 adds a new subsection. After the date fixed by the Commission for a category of grain, a railway company to establish a lower rate to ship any grain within that category. Subsection 46.1(1) allows the railways to set a lower rate to ship any grain within that category while subsection 46.1(2) allows this lower rate for a specific time period and specific shippers.