

*Farm Products Marketing Agencies Bill*

Committee on Agriculture, and motions Nos. 1, 5 and 22 (Mr. Horner).

**Mr. Speaker:** The question is on Motion No. 1, moved by the hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner). It reads:

That Bill C-176, An Act to establish the National Farm Products Marketing Council and to authorize the establishment of national marketing agencies for farm products, be amended by deleting from subclause (c) of Clause 2 all the words after the word 'agriculture' at line 14, page 1.

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, in accordance with the motion that was adopted earlier today, in which there was an indication that there might be a further amendment to Motion No. 1, I now propose to move such an amendment to Motion No. 1, which stands in the name of the hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner), in order to make crystal clear, if I may borrow a phrase frequently used by the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles), that no agency will be established under this bill until a majority of producers want such agency for a particular product.

I might say, Mr. Speaker, that this amendment has circulated underground for a day or two and is now surfacing in the form in which I will propose it. There were consultations between the hon. member for Crowfoot and hon. members on this side of the House, and especially the chairman of the agriculture committee, and it was basically from this inter-party consultation that this amendment was developed. So with that important and considerable parentage, it ought to have free sailing in the House. I will read the amendment, which is as follows:

That Motion No. 1 of Mr. Horner, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, be amended by striking therefrom all the words following the word 'deleting' and substituting therefor the following:

'subclause (c) of clause 2 and substituting therefor the following:

'(c) 'farm product' for the purpose of Part I, means any natural product of agriculture and any part of any such product and, for the purpose of the other provisions of this Act, means

- (i) eggs, and poultry, and any part of any such product, and
- (ii) any other natural product of agriculture and any part of any such product in respect of which the Governor in Council is satisfied, as a result of declarations by provincial governments following plebiscites, or otherwise, that the majority of the producers thereof in Canada is in favour of the establishment of an agency under section 17 with powers relating to that product:

You will note, Mr. Speaker, that there are several distinct parts to the amendment. The first part simply says that every farm product is a natural product of agriculture, or any part thereof, for the purposes of Part I of the bill. You know that Part I of the bill is that part outlining the function of the marketing council, and it runs through from clauses 3 to 16. This bill will provide the opportunity for the council to examine the merits of establishing an agency for any farm product and to conduct research or hold hearings for that purpose. This ensures that what was in the bill will not be removed, which would have been the effect if the motion, as originally drafted, had been approved.

The next distinct part of the amendment sets out the meaning of farm product for the remaining clauses of the bill. Paragraph (i) deals with eggs and poultry products and other such products, without the qualifications we find in paragraph (ii). Paragraph (ii) deals with other natural products of agriculture, with a significant quali-

**YOUTH**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—REPORT OF COUNCIL ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT—ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Mr. William Knight (Assiniboia):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. If the minister has had the opportunity to study the evaluation report of the Opportunities for Youth program, prepared by the Canadian Council on Social Development, would he consider adopting the recommendation of the report, namely, that working youth be admitted to the program next year?

[Translation]

**Hon. Gérald Pelletier (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I only had enough time to read a press account of that report, but I am anxious to read its entire contents.

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[English]

**MANPOWER**

**LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—LETTER FROM MINISTER OFFERING CO-OPERATION WITH MEMBERS**

**Mr. Lee Grills (Hastings):** I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration in regard to his responsibility for the local initiatives program. Did the minister mean what he said in a letter when he stated that he wanted to co-operate with all members and keep them informed of the progress of those projects? Did he mean what he said in that letter which I have received?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The question is hardly in order when asked in those terms.

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**BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE**

**Mr. McGrath:** Mr. Speaker, with the consent of my House leader, I would ask the government House leader if he could give us the business of the House for tomorrow.

**Mr. MacEachen:** Mr. Speaker, tomorrow—after midnight—Bill C-176.

• (3:40 p.m.)

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS****FARM PRODUCTS MARKETING AGENCIES BILL**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL MARKETING COUNCIL AND AGENCIES**

The House resumed, from Wednesday, December 29, consideration of Bill C-176, to establish the National Farm Products Marketing Council and to authorize the establishment of national marketing agencies for farm products, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing