

should act as quickly as possible in that respect.

• (4:20 p.m.)

Each week one sees farmers quitting the farming industry. It would be imperative to proceed as quickly as possible with industrial development, in order that those farmers be diverted to other industries.

Bill C-202 will indeed be of interest to a good many contractors who were wishing to expand their industry in order to solve at least in part the unemployment problem, and make possible that change which relates to both the farming and the manufacturing industries.

An amendment has been moved to this bill so that it would apply to all kinds of industrial activity.

The previous speaker dwelt at length on the tourist industry. The minister will probably tell us whether the bill in its original form contains provisions designed to stimulate the development of tourism, which would make the amendment useless. But at any rate, if this is not provided for, it would be desirable, and even necessary to pass the amendment, in order to allow this development in the areas where it is possible.

I was thinking in particular of the area of Île-aux-Grues, where tourist resources are many, but their normal development is seriously hindered. I have already called the minister's attention to the problem of the ferry service which links Île-aux-Grues to the mainland, and which delays the agricultural and tourist development of that area.

I thank the minister for having given serious consideration to the request I made on behalf of my constituents. I am confident that such a study will go on and that this bill will permit practical and concrete realizations in this field so that the tourist industry may improve in that area.

Numerous requests are regularly made to us. Intermediate organization are interested and, as I have already said in the house, it is impossible for the federal government to do everything, unless the provincial and municipal authorities as well as the public become interested in a serious and positive way in the matter.

The people are sufficiently aware of the problem and have considered the matter thoroughly enough to be in a position to assure their co-operation to the government, in order to attain the objective sought by all hon.

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members, that is the possibility of finding adequate solutions, because the Canadian workers are dissatisfied since they are unable to work to the full extent of their powers.

I can assure the government I will fully co-operate to help the officials of the department in their work to promote industry and tourism, so that Bill C-202 may be really effective, provided however—and there is always the same problem—the minister can get the necessary credits. I would not like if, at some point, the minister were obliged to answer too often: The program is good, the project satisfactory, but we lack the necessary funds, we have no money.

Considering the nature and the importance of this department and of the projects of the minister, I hope the cabinet members will make funds available to achieve this goal but also to bring about the solution we have been awaiting so long.

[*English*]

Mr. Randolph Harding (Kootenay West):

Mr. Speaker, I should like to say a few words on the motion moved by the hon. member for Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent). I feel that the bill should include in its coverage several key industries which are now omitted. I do not see why the minister and the government cannot accept this very modest amendment. The direction of the department in question is in the minister's hands and exclusions can be made later when the area incentives program comes before the department to be scrutinized.

The consequences of accepting the amendment before the house could be vital not only to my riding of Kootenay West but to many other proposed incentive areas of Canada. For all these areas the amendment has important implications. For instance, the amendment, if accepted, will make certain that the service industries, the tourist industry and certain research projects come under the legislation. They will therefore be eligible for grants.

I point out to hon. members that the title of Bill C-202 is, "An Act to provide incentives for the development of productive employment opportunities in regions of Canada determined to require special measures to facilitate economic expansion and social adjustment." That is the full title of the bill we are now debating. I submit that anyone looking at the title would come to the conclusion that assistance in the incentive areas to be set up will be rather broadly based. But when we look at clause 2 and at subclause (f) in particular we find that the definitions in