

Customs Tariff

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Surely it is sufficient page by page, Mr. Chairman, as suggested by the hon. member for Kenora-Rainy River. That was the practice followed in the committee of ways and means on June 8, and I think it was found to be quite adequate.

Mr. Regier: I would say that page by page would be acceptable provided the Chair is not too quick in accepting something as carried.

Mr. Benidickson: You will recognize, Mr. Chairman, that most of us have prepared our notes on the basis of the budget resolutions, and the items on these pages before us are not identical with the pages in the schedule of the resolution. But I am sure that with that—

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): The items are identical but the page numbering is not the same in the schedule to the bill as it was in the printed pamphlet of ways and means resolutions.

The Chairman: The only problem is this. If there is any specific amendment it should be made before we carry clause 2. That is why if we are only discussing the items it would be sufficient to call the schedule page by page.

Mr. Benidickson: I wonder if the minister would indicate in connection with the items presented to us in part I of schedule A—and there are many of them—which items might involve a European country which is the principal supplier. I indicated in my remarks on second reading that naturally we should be concerned about Canada's trading position with respect to those countries in Europe which are setting up trading blocs which might adversely affect us. I think our trade with Europe is about 24 per cent of our over-all, total trade, going well above \$1 billion. I wonder if the minister would indicate in connection with these items in schedule A whether any of them involve negotiations with European countries which would be the principal suppliers under our GATT trading agreement.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): I can do that when we come to schedule A, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman: Shall clause 2 carry?

Mr. Benidickson: No, Mr. Chairman. I think the understanding was that we were to deal with these page by page.

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): We have not come to the schedule yet.

The Chairman: Shall clause 2 carry?

Clause agreed to.

[The Chairman.]

On clause 3—*Schedule A further amended.*

The Chairman: Shall clause 3 carry?

Mr. Badanai: This clause in paragraph (a) refers to door opening weatherseal retainers. Does that mean weatherseal retainers on automobile doors? It also refers to reclining seat mechanisms. I presume this to mean the automatic seat adjustment in motor cars. Am I correct in that?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): This applies to the kind of mechanism which is used in some motor cars to enable the seat to go back and fold into a bed. This change applies only in the case of a class or kind not made in Canada.

Mr. Badanai: Does this mean the tariff is being removed on these particular items?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Only when imported by a manufacturer who meets the requirements in regard to content. I point out that this applies only to mechanisms which are not of a class or kind made in Canada.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): This is not a question of asking for further tariff protection but for the maintenance of what we have. I asked the minister a question a few moments ago, when the bill was presented, whether he had given consideration to the brief presented on behalf of the automobile communities of Canada. The minister said he thought it would be proper to deal with that at some other time; but as this very kind of question in principle is involved in some of the recommendations made, has the minister given careful consideration to whether or not this is the kind of thing that might be avoided at this time in order to provide a healthier economic state in the industry and for the maintenance of a higher level of employment?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): I think probably the hon. member is not aware that this change was asked for by the Canadian automotive chamber of commerce and by the Canadian automotive parts manufacturers themselves.

Mr. Martin (Essex East): The parts association, too?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): Yes.

Mr. Benidickson: What about the employees?

Mr. Fleming (Eglinton): I presume the employees are interested in this because it is designed, with respect to a type of article that is not made in Canada, to enable the manufacturers of a finished product in