

Government Organization

Mr. Starr: Does that mean that the deputy minister in charge of administration will select these people for future positions?

Mr. Marchand: No. A committee will be formed to deal with selections. I do not know exactly the composition of this committee, but I am sure the Civil Service Commission, the national employment service and the department will be represented. If you wish further information in this regard I will let you know tomorrow exactly how this committee is to be formed.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 14 and 15 agreed to.

On clause 16—*Deputy minister.*

Mr. Bell (Carleton): Mr. Chairman, this clause provides for a deputy minister of Indian affairs and northern development. I should like to take one minute to say that for some years I have been strongly of the belief that there should be a separate deputy minister for Indian affairs whose jurisdiction would be related exclusively to Indian affairs. I doubt that one deputy minister can give appropriate time to both Indian affairs and northern development. I believe that in the past the detailed administration of immigration has robbed the deputy minister of citizenship and immigration of an opportunity to give as much time to Indian affairs as the importance of this subject deserves. I urge the government to amend clause 16, perhaps not tonight, but during this session, so that there can be a deputy minister of northern development as well as a deputy superintendent general of Indian affairs. If it were within my rights as a private member I would move such an amendment myself.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 17 to 26 inclusive agreed to.

On clause 27—*Department of energy, mines and resources—Department established.*

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Chairman, I notice that the minister designate of this department is not here so I do not know whether it is the desire of the committee that the clauses under this heading stand until he is in the house, or whether we should move on to something else. Perhaps we should proceed now, in which case I have some observations and amendments to put forward. I am not sure this would be appropriate in the absence of the minister, but perhaps some spokesman for the government could give me an indication in this regard.

Mr. Benson: Mr. Chairman, I think that we should proceed at this time in view of the fact that while the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys is unfortunately but unavoidably absent, his parliamentary secretary is in attendance, as is the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources. I am sure both hon. members would be pleased to deal with these matters in view of the fact there is some disposition to get on with this legislation this evening.

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Chairman, the amendment I wish to propose relates primarily to clause 29. I shall be glad to comply with the suggestion of the hon. minister, and I will confine my remarks to the applicable clause.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 28 agreed to.

On clause 29—*Duties, powers and functions of the minister.*

Mr. Fulton: Mr. Chairman, in considering the constitution of the new department of energy, mines and resources, I should like to remind the committee that the view of the official opposition was expressed by us when the estimates of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys for 1965-66 were under consideration. We approve wholeheartedly the concept of co-ordinating policy in the field of energy and resources under one department and one minister. At that time I expressed the reservation in respect of the proposal as it was reflected in order in council 1965-2281, to the effect there should be exempted from the jurisdiction of the minister certain main areas, but primarily the areas of planning and co-ordinating of policy regarding the north and the whole of the continental shelf, which has been allocated to Canada in accordance with an international agreement arrived at in Geneva in 1958.

● (9:50 p.m.)

I should say that nothing that has developed or has been said since has caused us to change our views. Indeed the statement of the Prime Minister on second reading of this bill, especially as contained in pages 5431 and 5432 of *Hansard*, have very seriously heightened our apprehensions regarding the serious consequences of the omissions from the powers and jurisdictions of this proposed department. We were so concerned about the matter that I took the trouble, on the discussion of the estimates, of raising with the minister expressly the basis of our concern. He was