

Canagrex

Therefore, I must rule that Motion No. 2 is not acceptable. However, the hon. member, if he so wishes, may present his arguments in favour of the motion at the appropriate time.

Motions Nos. 3, 4 and 5 should be grouped for debate and voted on separately.

Motions Nos. 13 and 14 should be debated and voted on separately.

Mr. Charles Mayer (Portage-Marquette) moved:

Motion No. 1

That Bill C-85, an act to establish a corporation called Canagrex to promote, facilitate and engage in the export of agricultural and food products from Canada, be amended by striking out the long title at page 1 and substituting the following therefor:

"An act to establish a corporation called Canagrex to promote and facilitate the export of agricultural and food products from Canada".

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Mr. G. M. Gurbin (for Mr. Schellenberger) moved:

Motion No. 6

That Bill C-85, an act to establish a corporation called Canagrex to promote, facilitate and engage in the export of agricultural and food products from Canada, be amended in Clause 14 by striking out lines 13 and 14 at page 9 and substituting the following therefor:

"purposes of promoting and facilitating the export".

Motion No. 7

That Bill C-85, an act to establish a corporation called Canagrex to promote, facilitate and engage in the export of agricultural and food products from Canada, be amended in Clause 14 by striking out lines 20 to 23 at page 9, lines 3 to 8 and lines 14 to 22 at page 10.

Motion No. 8

That Bill C-85, an act to establish a corporation called Canagrex to promote, facilitate and engage in the export of agricultural and food products from Canada, be amended in Clause 14 by striking out line 28 at page 11 and substituting the following therefor:

"(c) promote or facilitate trade in"

Motion No. 9

That Bill C-85, an act to establish a corporation called Canagrex to promote, facilitate and engage in the export of agricultural and food products from Canada, be amended in Clause 14 by striking out lines 9 to 37 at page 12.

Mr. Bill McKnight moved:

Motion No. 10

That Bill C-85, an act to establish a corporation called Canagrex to promote, facilitate and engage in the export of agricultural and food products from Canada, be amended in Clause 16 by striking out line 3 at page 13 and substituting the following therefor:

"grex intends to use for its".

Motion No. 11

That Bill C-85, an act to establish a corporation called Canagrex to promote, facilitate and engage in the export of agricultural and food products from Canada, be amended in Clause 16 by striking out lines 6 and 7 at page 13 and substituting the following therefor:

"grex with respect to any loan or".

Motion No. 12

That Bill C-85, an act to establish a corporation called Canagrex to promote, facilitate and engage in the export of agricultural and food products from Canada, be amended in Clause 16 by striking out lines 11 and 12 at page 13 and substituting the following therefor:

"purpose of any loan or guarantee entered".

Mr. Hargrave: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. May I make an inquiry with respect to your ruling that my Motion

No. 2 has been declared unsatisfactory or not acceptable? Am I to understand that Mr. Speaker has ruled that at an appropriate time—I think that was the expression Mr. Speaker used—I may be able to present certain arguments in support of the acceptability of my motion? Am I to understand that I can do this at some later date?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): The hon. member has understood correctly. I might repeat that what I said was that Motion No. 2, because of the precedent quoted, is not acceptable in the opinion of the Chair. However, the hon. member, if he so wishes, may present his arguments in favour of the motion at the appropriate time. I would take "appropriate" to mean once we have disposed of the grouping of Clauses Nos. 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Mr. Charles Mayer (Portage-Marquette): Mr. Speaker, the bill which is before us tonight deals exclusively with agriculture. During the time I have been in the House it is one of the rare times that we have had an opportunity to discuss agriculture.

Many people may wonder why agriculture is important since many of the available figures which are widely used indicate that there is something less than 5 per cent of the population which is engaged in farming. Therefore, some may wonder why a bill which concerns agriculture may be important. I see here the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) and a fair number of government members. Their presence here I think is important because it demonstrates that they also believe that agriculture is important.

The reason why agriculture is so important in Canada is precisely that less than 5 per cent of the population is engaged in that industry. If there were up to 20 per cent, or as many as 50 per cent of the population engaged in farming, such as in India, we would not have the time to enjoy all the amenities which we take for granted in this country. We would not be able to have a 40-hour work week or paid vacations or enjoy a standard of living which we have come to expect and take for granted.

I am also pleased that the Canagrex bill has attracted the attention of the media because this bill is worthy of some media attention, a fact which in turn may attract the attention of the rest of the country.

Too frequently we take the efficiency of our agricultural industry in this country for granted. We take it for granted that we can depend on the agricultural industry. For example, I do not think any of us have been to a store where we could not purchase a loaf of bread, milk or vegetables and fruits which are out of season. Very often farmers or businessmen go to shops to order supplies only to find that they are on back-order or have to be manufactured and shipped to the shop. This just does not happen with respect to our agricultural commodities which we call staples and what we see as necessities in our country. Therefore, I suggest that agriculture has been doing a good job for Canadians.