

There are no other amendments made by the senate. Of the two changes to which I have directed attention in principle the last one is important; I do not think the other is very material. The rest are textual changes intended to make clear the meaning of the act, and I believe no question should arise with respect to them.

With respect to the question raised by the hon. member for Comox-Alberni and the hon. member for Vancouver-Burrard, there is of course the question that was discussed originally here, and at the end of the discussion we left it in the form in which it was, believing that the commission might be able to deal with the matter as it should be dealt with in the light of changing conditions existing in one part of the country as compared with another part, with respect to lumbering and logging. The senate have added that this exception shall not apply where there has been a reasonably continuous operation of the mills that have to do with products derived from lumbering and logging operations. The change bringing in the banks and mortgage companies was long considered and much debated, I understand, but in the end the change was made and they are now included within the purview of the bill.

Mr. MACKENZIE (Vancouver): I should like to ask a question in connection with section 10. Is it proper draftsmanship to say twelve o'clock in the afternoon? Should it not be twelve o'clock noon?

Mr. BENNETT: When I saw that I asked myself at once whether twelve o'clock in the afternoon was good, because twelve o'clock is twelve o'clock noon and it is not twelve o'clock in the afternoon until one minute later. From twelve o'clock noon to the same hour the next day I think would be more accurate, but I understand there is some authority for saying twelve o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. NEILL: Once more I should like to point out to the Prime Minister that when this matter was discussed before I think he gave the assurance that this question of the continuous nature of employment in lumbering and logging would be considered or dealt with under some other section of the act, possibly the regulations, but as the amendment reads now it will prohibit any action being taken under the regulations because it distinctly states what are to be the exemptions, and that would seem to preclude the possibility of any regulation bringing lumbering within the operations of the act.

Mr. BENNETT: I would not care to express a definite opinion on that point, but I do not

think there has been any curtailment of the powers of the commission to deal with the situation, by virtue of the changed language. Originally the language was "exclusive of the saw mill, planing mill and shingle mill industries" and in order that the question of the continuous character of their operations might be brought to the attention of the commission the senate has provided that they must be reasonably continuous in their operations, instead of treating them as industries that should be taken to be continuous. I do not think it changes the general sense of the provision as it left this house, but my opinion is no more valuable than that of the hon. gentleman in that regard.

Mr. McKENZIE (Assiniboia): When this bill was before the house in the first instance I brought up the question of part time employees in the coal mines, of whom I have a considerable number in my constituency. Certain amendments have been made to section 7 to include part time employees, and I wonder just how those amendments will affect those coal miners who are employed as such for say twenty weeks in the year, and who for the rest of the time work on farms or at other occupations. Will they be included under this bill?

Mr. BENNETT: I would not care to venture a definite opinion about a matter of that sort. The language of the section I think makes it probable—I will go only that far—within the powers of the commission to deal with that matter. I would not care to anticipate an opinion and express a definite view on the point. When the hon. member for Assiniboia spoke I was just going to say that section 7 has not been changed so far as those powers are concerned. I should think the powers of the commission have not been abridged or lessened as compared to what they were when the bill left this chamber.

Motion agreed to, amendments read the second time and concurred in.

JUVENILE DELINQUENTS ACT

Hon. HUGH GUTHRIE (Minister of Justice) moved the second reading of Bill No. 106 to amend the Juvenile Delinquents Act.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Morand in the chair.

On section 1—Summary trials.

Mr. GRAY: Would the minister explain the reason for the change?

Mr. GUTHRIE: The amendments proposed in this bill were requested by the various