

of thing that can only assist working people and in the long run assist labour-management relations.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

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

Clause 2 agreed to.

On clause 3—Definitions.

Mr. Fraser: Mr. Chairman, I wonder if this would be the appropriate time for some questions to the minister. I understand he is prepared to accept them. Could he elaborate a little on the expected cost of this organization during the first year? From the press release I understand it will be about \$1 million and that he is expecting it to rise eventually to \$8 million. Could the minister tell the House what development he expects over the first year, at what stage will the additional money have to be raised, and what will the source be?

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): In the first year or so the cost will run about \$1 million. This will permit the centre to get its organization under way and will enable some funding to be given to high priority research work. It may also be expected that there will be a substantial one-time outlay for equipment and facilities to establish a first-rate, modern information system for the technical and scientific data that the centre will assemble, evaluate and distribute to interested parties. Such a system will not duplicate what other existing data sources do, but will be supplementary to them and perform a co-ordinating service.

Regarding the capital expenditure that the hon. member inquires about, for the purpose of the information distribution system it will be \$2 million to \$3 million. Cost will gradually increase as the centre's functions are established and more research is assisted or initiated. Ongoing expenditures will be \$8 to \$10 million yearly when the centre is fully operational. This, it may be noted, amounts to about \$1 per worker per year.

Mr. Fraser: Can the minister tell us what provincial contributions are expected toward the cost of this centre, and can he tell us whether there is any commitment by any province to make financial contributions? At the moment, as I understand it, and I would like the minister to confirm this, the only funds going into the centre come from the federal government and that will only change if there is agreement from the provinces. At the moment I understand there is no such agreement.

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): That is correct, Mr. Chairman. Nine of the ten provinces have agreed to participate on the executive board and have done so in writing. Some have already named people to the board but have not agreed at this stage to financial resources. There is provision in the bill to permit that. We hope that in future the worth of the centre will be well recognized, and the fact that the provinces actually

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have more votes than the federal government on the executive board, will show them that it is in their interests to make it financially possible for it to carry out its aims and objectives.

Mr. Fraser: May I ask the minister what reporting mechanism will be established. How will members of parliament know what is being spent on an annual basis and what the public, especially the working people, are getting for their expenditures?

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): It is entirely autonomous. It is not responsible to the government in any way but reports directly to parliament. It is analogous to a Crown corporation in that sense.

Mr. Fraser: Can the minister tell us whether in general there is agreement from labour for this centre and what expressions of support he has received from management with regard to the centre?

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): Mr. Chairman, the hon. member might be pleased to know that I cannot think of a bill that in the last year and one-half has had so much discussion. Various officials of my department, in particular, Mr. Howard Curry, head of the planning secretariat, and I have gone to 250 or 300 associations of all kinds in the management field, as well as to the unions and the provinces, to talk about the bill. I have gone to British Columbia twice and have endeavoured to answer questions about it. That type of activity has been going on for a year and a half. I believe that labour is quite enthusiastic and will participate as envisaged in the bill, and I also believe that management will participate.

Clause agreed to.

On clause 4—Centre established.

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment of which I have given notice to the hon. member for Vancouver South and the New Democratic Party. It does not involve a substantial change from the real intent of clause 4, but it makes the equal role of management and labour more specific and provides some assurance that they will have a significant input on the board. The suggestion emanated from the hon. member for Nickel Belt. I move, seconded by the hon. member for Cardigan:

That Bill C-35, to establish the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, be amended in clause 4 by striking out lines 30 to 40 on page 2 and substituting the following:

'health and safety:

- (d) eleven other governors, to be appointed after consultation with such organizations representative of works as the Governor in Council deems appropriate;
- (e) eleven other governors, to be appointed after consultation with such organizations representative of employers as the Governor in Council deems appropriate; and
- (f) not more than four other governors, to be appointed after consultation with such professional, scientific or other organizations or interests as the Governor in Council deems appropriate.'