

*Oil and Petroleum*

● (1530)

That Bill C-32 be amended by striking out lines 38 to 42, inclusive, on page 30 thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

"(k) designating any hydrocarbon or mixture of hydrocarbons resulting from the processing or refining of hydrocarbons described in paragraph (a) or (b) of the"

**Mr. Pelletier (Hochelaga):** I so move, Mr. Chairman.

Amendment (Mr. Pelletier, Hochelaga) agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

On clause 78—*Transitional*.

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Chairman, clause 78 provides statutory authority for compensation payments which are made or authorized by the imported oil products compensation regulations made pursuant to vote 11B of Appropriation Act No. 1, 1974, which applied between January 1 and March 31, 1974; secondly, for the petroleum products compensation program guidelines which were made for the purpose of Governor General's special warrants for the period, April 1 to October 31, 1974; and for the oil import compensation regulations made pursuant to vote 52 of Appropriation Act No. 3, 1974, for imports on or after November 1, 1974.

One of the more important provisions of the bill, which by virtue of the deeming provisions of clause 78(1) and (2) will now apply to earlier compensation, is section 76 which permits the recovery or set-off of overpayment or non-entitled payment. That is to say, if we find that an importer has received an overpayment or a payment to which he is not entitled, the administration will be entitled to recover such payment or set it off against any future payment.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Is the position with respect to Governor General's special warrants the same as the position with respect to other payments under the act?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Yes. I have circulated an amendment to the committee. The Minister of Communications moves:

That Bill C-32 be amended by:

(a) Striking out lines 35 and 36 on page 31 thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

"Act No. 3, 1974, Statutes of Canada 1974-75;

(c) pursuant to Energy Supplies Allocation Board vote No. 53c of Appropriation Act No. 5, 1974, Statutes of Canada 1974-75; or

(d) pursuant to Energy Supplies Allocation Board vote No. 65 of Appropriation Act No. 2, 1975, Statutes of Canada 1974-75"

This is included for the purposes of catching up with elapsed time, as there are now specific statutory references to these particular provisions. I continue reading the amendment:

(b) striking out line 1 on page 32 thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

"on the day immediately preceding the commencement of this part that is delivered to"; and

(c) Striking out lines 9 and 10 on page 32 thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

"tion authorized to be made before that day."

**Mr. Pelletier (Hochelaga):** I so move.

[Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale).]

**Mr. Gillies:** Mr. Chairman, may I ask a question along the lines of one asked earlier by the hon. member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands? If it were discovered—I am not suggesting this has been done—that because of changes in the conditions under which oil is imported from abroad, some organizations had taken advantage of the allocation situation, which is something we will consider in detail next Thursday morning, would this provision allow the recapture for the people of Canada of any overpayments made under those circumstances?

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Chairman, the answer in general terms is yes. If there were found to be an improper diversion of some kind, or if someone had taken advantage of the system, there would be authority to claim back.

Amendment (Mr. Pelletier, Hochelaga) agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

On clause 79—*1st January, 1975, to 31st March, 1975*.

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Chairman, the cornucopia of amendments has produced another unheralded amendment. I am advised that this amendment is necessary because of the effluxion of time since the introduction of the bill. The Minister of Communications brought it to my attention.

**Mr. Pelletier (Hochelaga):** Mr. Chairman, I move:

That Bill C-32 be amended by:

(a) striking out subclauses 79(1) and 79(2) on page 32 thereof;

(b) renumbering subclause 79(3) on page 32 thereof as clause 79; and

(c) striking out the figures "1974-75" on line 22 on page 32 thereof and substituting therefor the figures "1975-76".

Amendment (Mr. Pelletier, Hochelaga) agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 80 to 86 inclusive agreed to.

On clause 87—*Regulations*.

**Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Chairman, the amendment to be proposed is similar to previous amendments. It is to include derivatives, that is to say, crude oil, natural gas as condensates in the compensation program. The Minister of Communications will also move this amendment.

**Mr. Pelletier (Hochelaga):** Mr. Chairman, I move:

That Bill C-32 be amended by striking out lines 19 to 25, inclusive, on page 35 thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

"(g) designating any hydrocarbon or mixture of hydrocarbons resulting from the processing or refining of hydrocarbons described in paragraph (a) or (b) of the definition "petroleum" in section 80, as a petroleum product; and"

Amendment (Mr. Pelletier, Hochelaga) agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Clauses 88 to 94 inclusive agreed to.

On clause 95—*Commencement*.

**Mr. Baldwin:** Mr. Chairman, I wish to move an amendment, not to amend clause 95 but to add another clause, clause 96. As I have given notice of my intention, perhaps the committee could carry clause 95 and then consider my amendment.