

*Textile and Clothing Board Act*

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce)** moved motion No. 3:

That Bill C-215, An Act to establish the Textile and Clothing Board and to make certain amendments to other Acts in consequence thereof, be amended by striking out lines 45 to 48, inclusive, in subclause (2) of Clause 17 at page 7 thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

"an interim basis pending its evaluation of the plans."; and by adding immediately after sub-clause (2) of Clause 17 at page 7 the following:

Full report to follow (3) Where the Board makes a report under subsection (2) recommending that special measures of protection be implemented immediately, the Board shall, not later than one hundred and eighty days after the making of that report, make a written report to the Minister as required under subsection (1) containing its recommendations with respect to the textile and clothing goods that were the subject matter of the report under subsection (2)."

and by renumbering subsequent subclauses accordingly.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I shall be very brief. Since this amendment has been proposed, as you said, by me, it is normal that it be the subject of certain explanations on my part.

The first part of the amendment reads as follows, in English:

[English]

—an interim basis pending its evaluation of the plan.

[Translation]

That is just going back to the original wording of the clause.

The second part, i.e. new Clause 17(3) is an amendment to implement more directly and slightly alter the concept or intention the hon. member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert) had in mind when submitting his amendment which was adopted by the Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

The hon. member said at that time that it mattered little to him whether the period were to be 90 days or more. Besides, I have already consulted the hon. member for Edmonton West about our amendment and I am under the impression that he was in agreement with our proposal: a limit of 180 days instead of 90 days, to keep in line with the time limit prescribed for application of the surtax under Section 7(1)A of the Customs Tariff. The surtax could be one of the instruments resorted to in case of emergency, as described in Clause 17(2).

We believe that this amendment which reflects the ideas of the hon. member for Edmonton West is a good one and I thank him for it. It states that a final report should be presented, prepared within one hundred and eighty days following an interim report and that interim measures will be taken only under unusual circumstances and not to delay the recommendation of the government's Board.

[English]

**Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, in answer to the comments of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Pepin), I must thank him for his co-operation with regard to this clause, although I

[Mr. Speaker.]

would like to elaborate on why I insisted on a ninety-day delay at the beginning.

The hon. minister used another criterion based on customs tariff, while I based my argument on the Anti-dumping Act. Actually, we are dealing with two parallel situations. According to the Anti-dumping Act, the tribunal has 90 days to complete its report, if abuse is involved; in fact, the duty of the textile board or advisory committee is of the same nature—to determine if there is abuse. And there are probably surveys now being taken about other plans.

I have no intention of quarrelling with the minister, but I would like to show him why I did relate the time period to the Anti-dumping Act instead of the customs tariff.

As to that, I think that the objective has been reached and that there will be no endless waiting period; on the contrary, a deadline will be established and the Board will have to hurry and complete its work or at least advance it rapidly enough.

So, Mr. Speaker, I welcome this new amendment from the minister now that we both have had an opportunity to let our thoughts mature.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is the House ready for the question? Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion no. 3 (Mr. Pepin) agreed to.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Edmonton West (Mr. Lambert), on behalf of the hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner) moves motion No. 4 as follows:

That Bill C-215, to establish the Textile and Clothing Board and to make certain amendments to other Acts in consequence thereof, be amended by deleting the word "may" from Clause 24 in line 19 at page 11 and substituting therefor the word "shall".

**Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West):** Mr. Speaker, I am holding the fort. This amendment was put forward by the hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner) after his attendance in committee. What he is actually leading to is, rather than merely having a permissive power in so far as the actions of the board are concerned, it shall be mandatory.

● (3:50 p.m.)

I was not expecting to speak on this particular motion, Mr. Speaker. I have been advised that the hon. member for Crowfoot was attending a meeting of the Agriculture Committee which in its wisdom, I would say nonsense, insisted, upon the motion of the government majority that that meetings be held at this time when we are engaged on the report stage of this bill. He has to come over from the Committee on Agriculture, and I will hold the fort until he does.

Clause 24 reads as follows:

Reports of the Board to the Minister made under section 16 or 17, modified in such manner as in the opinion of the Board is necessary to give effect to section 23, may be published with the approval of the Minister.

It is important that one should pay attention to the particular wording. After all, clause 23 deals with confi-