

asked to set up a board to overrule the laws it has passed. It is the first time that parliament has given a board power to overrule the laws passed here. No one will know what the law is if we pass this section. The board can change the law at any time. To give a board such powers is to violate a fundamental principle of democratic government.

Mr. MACKENZIE: May I read a section from the act passed by my hon. friends opposite. Quoting from *Hansard* of May 21, 1934, page 3256, in the discussion of the marketing act:

Every local board established hereunder—

Listen to this Tory perfidy.

—shall continue to have authority to exercise its powers—

Some hon. MEMBERS: Order.

Mr. MACKENZIE:

—until such time as the governor in council withdraws such authority.

That is Toryism. That is the Tory party.

The CHAIRMAN: Is the committee ready for the question?

Some hon. MEMBERS: No.

Mr. ABBOTT: I intend to say a few words in reply, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. ZAPLITNY: Before we are called upon to vote on the amendment I think I should say a word or two. I have been listening patiently and not saying anything in order to facilitate the work of the house. I understood when I came here that if we refrained from speaking it would expedite business, but evidently someone gave me a wrong steer, because, according to the way things have worked out, if we refrain from speaking some other members regard our silence as meaning consent and spend their time making attacks on us. I would not say anything at all except that hon. members to my right—and the members I refer to are among those I admire most in that group—have repeatedly referred to the C.C.F. in this argument. Why they bring us in I do not know. I for one was not consulted by the government before they drew up this legislation. I do not know whether my colleagues were. We are simply considering what has been placed before the house, and why the official opposition insists on giving us credit for everything the government brings forward that is of any value I do not know.

The member for Stanstead, the member for Muskoka-Ontario and the member for Lake Centre are the gentlemen to whose arguments I refer. I have a great deal of admiration

[Mr. Hazen.]

for their ability; but the more they speak the more I find myself at a loss to know where they stand.

Mr. MACKENZIE: They don't stand; they fall.

Mr. ZAPLITNY: I do not wish to become personal or to criticize them because I admire their ability and I respect their views. But the member for Stanstead is opposed to the bill holus-bolus; the member for Muskoka-Ontario is opposed to some of its provisions, and only to-day the member for Lake Centre gets up and says he admits the necessity for the board.

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: I never said any such thing.

Mr. ZAPLITNY: He admits the necessity for it—

Mr. DIEFENBAKER: That was one time you were not listening.

Mr. ZAPLITNY: I accept his denial, but I am sure the record will bear me out.

Mr. GRANT: Don't scratch it out of *Hansard* to-morrow.

The CHAIRMAN: May I interrupt to point out to the hon. member for Dauphin that he is referring to a debate which took place within the last few days and which frequently dealt with the principle of the bill. I feel it my duty to remind members of the committee that they must make their remarks relevant to the section under consideration and not discuss the principle. The committee will agree with me, I think, that the time for a general discussion has come to an end and that remarks now should be strictly relevant to the section before us. I would ask the member for Dauphin to be good enough to relate his remarks to the section and not refer to the remarks of other members with reference to the principle of the bill.

Mr. ROSS (Souris): He can't get in propaganda under the section.

Mr. ZAPLITNY: Thank you for your guidance, Mr. Chairman. This section deals with regulations which I understand are based on the principle of the bill, and I am only following the line of argument used by the member for Lake Centre when I refer to some of his remarks. I hope I shall stay within the four corners of the rule.

The impression I had, listening to the member for Lake Centre, was that he felt there was need for such a board as this. He is nodding his head. He admits that. If we are to have a foreign exchange control board, if we admit that it is necessary, then I think we