

Canagrex

This is exactly what Canagrex will do, i.e. it will act as a facilitating agent and promote, through its members as described in Bill C-85, the quick sale of Canadian agricultural and food products on the export markets. Therefore, when we look at the title, from which Motion No. 1 seeks to strike out the words "engage in", I feel this would be unfairly diluting the terms of reference of Canagrex.

In order to illustrate the current situation of Canadian agri-food exports in some sectors, it is interesting to look at the comments made by Mr. William Jenkins, a former Dean of the Nova Scotia College of Agriculture, in an interview last year, and I quote:

In the Atlantic Provinces, the export of agricultural products is nothing short of a war. It is every man for himself, a very crude way to sell anything . . . It practically amounts to chaos.

Canadian agriculture cannot afford such a situation. Some degree of co-ordination is needed, and, in my view, Bill C-85, with the establishment of Canagrex would help bring us back to a most sensible situation. When we look at what other countries are doing to prevent such a war, we cannot but realize the importance of making Canada competitive on the export markets.

We must therefore get our act together and pass this Bill without delay, and this is why we have asked for a time allocation for the consideration of the Bill. Hon. Members opposite refer to closure. Mr. Speaker, concerning the current situation, when a Bill has gone through all the stages, first and second reading and study in Committee, when we read all the amendments or motions to emphasize that this or that individual has not been in attendance, people who had not even wanted to appear, the Official Opposition having requested it stating they wanted to hear such and such a group that had not even been summoned to appear before the Committee, they simply wanted to delay consideration of the Bill, it is my view that today, when we speak of time allocation, if my colleague will speak of closure, he is quite free to do it if he so wishes, but my view is that we have taken up enough time, and since the Canadian Federation of Agriculture is anxious to have the Bill, we must respect the wishes of our farmers and we will do so, Mr. Speaker, by passing the Bill, especially since, as I said, farm organizations across Canada are asking for it.

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Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta): Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak on Bill C-85, to establish a corporation called Canagrex. In my ten minutes I would like to focus on Motions Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 9 in the name of the Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin (Mr. Schellenberger), who was the last speaker from this side of the House. He spoke in a very informed and eloquent manner regarding the offending principle in the Bill. The Hon. Member for Wetaskiwin, representing a farming community, understands very well the impact of Subclause 14(1)(a) on the farming community. It indicates that Cangrex would be empowered to:

—purchase agricultural products and food products and package, process, store, ship, insure, import, export or sell or otherwise dispose of products purchased by it;—

That is the offending principle because it empowers Cangrex to buy and sell.

It is clear to a growing number of Canadians that the Government has embarked upon a strategy to control major sectors of the economy. If I were to put it in more ideological terms, it would be to establish state control over the major means of production. That is at the heart of it. It has been moving into sector after sector to establish Government control.

Let me illustrate. It seems that the Government is using a strategy to create a sense of dependency upon the Government in each sector of the economy, largely through the use of a state of continual economic anxiety. I would like to illustrate that further by the use of another metaphor. Hon. Members will recall that during and after the Korean War there was a new phenomenon known as brainwashing. I am not talking about brainwashing here but about the technique the Koreans used which was new to the western mind.

Mr. Whelan: What does that have to do with the Bill?

Mr. Friesen: If the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) will listen, I will explain it to him.

Mr. Mayer: Show him in pictures.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: There is something wrong with the sound.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order, please. Hon. Members are obviously annoyed by the extraneous noise. I presume someone is drilling through the roof or the walls; however, we are having the matter checked. For now I invite the Hon. Member to continue his remarks.

Mr. Friesen: I was indicating that that new phenomenon used a technique of continued long periods of anxiety to create an attitude of instability and insecurity, by which they were then able to do anything they wanted with those prisoners. I suggest to the Minister and to Hon. Members of the House that that kind of technique has been used in successive industrial sectors of the economy, whereby the Government maintained an atmosphere of insecurity and by that atmosphere of insecurity then manipulated an industry or a sector to do anything the Government wanted it to do.

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Let me illustrate. In the industrial sector, notice the grant system which has become so very popular and the dependency that has been created on the federal Government through the grant system. The textile industry, which years ago should have been rationalized into a major industrial shift, considering all of the industrial strategies of Canada and around the world, should have been taken into consideration. Rather than that, the Government through the grand system keeps the textile industry in a state of anxiety. The same is true of the shoe industry and the forest industry. As soon as you invoke a