

*Canadian Livestock Feed Board*

that I am disappointed in this regard, particularly because this bill was introduced by a minister responsible for rural development as well as forestry. He has not in this case provided for the same kind of powers and responsibilities.

If we are not willing to entrust this advisory committee with the same responsibilities invested in the rural development council, if we are not going to allow them to exercise the same independent judgment, then I fail to see why there should be an advisory committee at all, because it will not be able to contribute much to this segment of our industry.

**Mr. Sauv :** Would the hon. member be satisfied if this advisory committee was given the same powers as the Canadian Council on Rural Development?

**Mr. MacDonald (Prince):** Yes.

**Mr. Sauv :** That can be done, and I will undertake to see that the same kind of powers are vested in this committee.

**Mr. MacDonald (Prince):** In light of that commitment, let me suggest that we should spell out that this committee will be given an opportunity to take advantage of independent information supplied by research facilities, even at a minimal level. Clause 15(6)(a) states that this committee shall have the power—

—to study and review all matters relating to feed grain transportation, storage, prices and consumption that are referred to it either by the minister or by the board.

In view of the limitations on this sphere of the board's actions it would seem to me to be valuable to add words to the effect that it can do so in respect of anything it believes to come within the responsibilities of the board.

**Mr. Sauv :** I think the hon. member has answered his first problem as indicated by clause 15(5), which states:

The advisory committee may make such rules as it deems necessary for the regulation of its proceedings, for the fixing of a quorum for any of its meetings and generally for the conduct of its activities.

I believe we have the same wording in the ARDA measure. Perhaps that measure is even less precise than this. Under that measure we have been able to establish the Canadian Council on Rural Development. Let me also state that the advisory committee will be able to make a report to the minister

on my recommendation it thinks desirable. This provision comes within clause 7(b). It is not restricted in this regard.

**Mr. MacDonald (Prince):** We are aware of the fact that the committee can make reports, but we have not been told clearly what matters it can study and report on. Even clause 15(5), which makes reference to rules and regulations, does not seem to spell out clearly the committee's ability to set its own agenda and make use of independent information in a manner that might be helpful.

**Mr. Sauv :** I have indicated that I am willing and ready to establish the same kind of committee with the same rules and regulations as apply to the Canadian Council on Northern Development in order that, *mutatis mutandis*, it could operate in the same way.

**Mr. Danforth:** Mr. Chairman, I should like to refer to one other matter, but I am not sure that I should do so during our consideration of clause 15. Perhaps the minister will bear with me in this regard. The suggestion is that there shall be not less than five nor more than seven members on this advisory committee. Perhaps in this way we will provide some liaison between the segments of the trade and the administrators of government policy. This is normal in such cases; what concerns me however is that while this is to be a marketing scheme, nowhere do I see any appeal or recourse provision. For this reason no segment of the trade would have recourse to some regulation felt to be unjust. There seems to be no avenue of appeal against regulations instituted by this board. Perhaps the minister could give us some information in this regard.

In the normal course of the administration of a matter as complex as this there will be opinions that extreme hardships are being imposed which, if left unchanged for any length of time, could amount to great financial losses. Perhaps the minister will indicate that some avenue of direct appeal will be provided the trade.

**Mr. Sauv :** This is not to be a marketing board, and I have repeatedly stated that. Whenever anything is done by the administration which does not please the farmers or the traders there will be the same recourse. At this time we receive telegrams and complaints, particularly on the part of members of parliament who are very quick to take up the interests of these people, and I do not see how—

**Mr. Knowles:** That is our function.