

Government Orders

For these reasons, we feel Motion No. 12 is not acceptable.

I want to point out there have been about 32 appeals in Canada in the last 18 months, which is not a great amount. We also know, as rural members of Parliament, if someone has difficulty with a field or staff worker from the Farm Credit Corporation or any problem with the application or loan *per se*, how often we get phone calls asking us to help someone through the process. Applicants also have the right to appeal to the chairman or vice-chairman of the Farm Credit Corporation. Of course we also know that many of them have appealed to the Ministers of Agriculture over the last number of years as well.

The government believes this legislation adequately addresses those concerns and therefore we have to reject Motions Nos. 4, 10 and 12.

Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): The question is on Motion No. 4 standing in the name of the hon. member for Algoma. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Motion No. 4 negated on division.

Motion negated.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): The next question is on Motion No. 10 standing in the name of the hon. member for Algoma. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): In my opinion the nays have it.

Some hon. members: On division.

Motion negated.

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): The next question is on Motion No. 12. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

An hon. member: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): In my opinion the nays have it.

Motion negated.

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma) moved:

Motion No. 5.

That Bill C-95 be amended in Clause 5 by adding immediately after line 12 at page 4 the following:

“(3) The membership of the Board shall at all times include a majority of farmers.”

He said: Motion No. 5 standing in my name essentially amends clause 5, page 4, by requiring that the board of directors have a majority of farmers appointed to it.

The existing legislation does not provide for this arrangement as I understand it. In this bill, the board of directors is vastly expanded and the advisory committee is eliminated. We currently have an advisory committee of about 12 representatives from across the country in the Farm Credit Corporation and they are all primary producers. They are all farmers, to my understanding, or have been in the past.

The board of directors is being expanded to 10 directors plus the chairman and the president. It seems to me that if we are going to do away with the advisory board to the FCC which is all producers, and expand the board to 12 people, it is not unreasonable that six or seven of those people be primary producers. It is simply a matter of trying to have a board of directors that is sympathetic to agriculture and understands agriculture.