

Oil and Petroleum

On clause 52—*Where no price agreement effective.*

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Chairman, I think that Clause 52 should stand because the same amendment which we applied to crude petroleum should apply to natural gas. Clause 53 would similarly be affected.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): I accept the general proposition of the hon. member for Calgary North but I would point out that we have an amendment to clause 52 which has been previously circulated. Again, it is the Minister of Public Works who will move:

That Bill C-32 be amended by striking out lines 31 to 34, inclusive, on page 21 thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

"at which the various kinds of gas to which this part applies that are produced, extracted, recovered or manufactured in that province are to be sold on or for delivery in any areas or zones in Canada and outside that province or at any points on the international boundary of Canada."

I agree that, subject to the adoption of that amendment, we might stand the clause.

Mr. Drury: I so move.

Amendment (Mr. Drury) agreed to.

The Chairman: Is it agreed that the clause as amended be stood?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Clause 52, as amended, stands.

On clause 53—*Prohibition.*

Mr. Woolliams: We ask that Clause 53 be stood also.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): I have a number of amendments to be moved to that clause. The first is as follows:

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That Bill C-32 be amended

(a) by striking out lines 38 to 41, inclusive, on page 21 thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

"(a) move any gas outside its province of production for consumption elsewhere unless the price paid to acquire that gas is a price approved by special or general orders of the Board;"

and

(b) by striking out lines 44 and 45 on page 21 thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

"side that province unless the price paid therefor is approved by the Board, or"

Mr. Drury: I so move.

The Chairman: Shall the amendment carry?

Amendment (Mr. Drury) agreed to.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Chairman, I have before me an amendment also moved by the Minister of Public Works (Mr. Drury):

That Bill C-32 be amended by striking out lines 5 to 8 on page 22 and substituting therefor the following:

"(2) Paragraph (1)(c) does not apply in respect of a sale of gas in a province for consumption therein if the gas was not purchased from"

[Mr. Drury.]

[*English*]

Mr. Drury: I so move.

The Chairman: Shall the amendment carry?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Amendment (Mr. Drury) agreed to.

The Chairman: Shall clause 53, as amended, carry?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): I think there is agreement that it be stood.

The Chairman: Is it agreed that clause 53, as amended, be stood?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Clause 53, as amended, stands.

Clauses 54 and 55 agreed to.

On clause 56—

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Chairman, the text as originally drafted would have required the retail customer in a consuming province to keep records as called for in clause 56. The amendment will remove this requirement from the retail consumer. The amendment to be moved by my colleague is as follows:

That Bill C-32 be amended by striking out line 33 on page 22 thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

"production from the person who brought the gas out of its province of production or caused it to be brought therefrom shall keep records and books of"

Mr. Drury: I so move.

The Chairman: Shall the amendment carry?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Amendment (Mr. Drury) agreed to.

The Chairman: Shall clause 56, as amended, carry?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Clause 56, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses 57 and 58 agreed to.

On clause 59—*Proof of offence.*

Mr. Gillies: On clause 59 we wish to raise the same argument raised on previous occasions about the wording, which seems to indicate that it is putting an undue burden upon the innocent contrary to the general common law of the country. We want again to record our protest. I regret that the minister did not see fit to accept the amendment proposed by the hon. member for Peace River to strike the last four lines in that phrasing.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): I am pained that I cause the hon. member regret. The feeling is that this would impose a responsibility on employers to make certain that their employees obey the law.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Chairman, this is the kind of legislation we see in the Income Tax Act and other Statutes. It is putting the onus in reverse, which is not our understanding of the jurisprudence of the land. To me it is a