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those areas in which a water quality management agency is established. Presumably, other parts of the country will have to wait until their waters are in danger of being polluted or have become polluted before they get attention under this bill. I do not see this as a desirable feature in a federal bill.

No fixed cost sharing formula is set out in the bill for the federal-provincial agreements. This leaves implementation of agreements from province to province and from area to area in a state of confusion. The whole question of financing the agencies is completely left up in the air. The federal government has not accepted any responsibility for financing water quality projects. By this I mean that the federal government has undertaken to pay the cost of incorporating these agencies, \$100 or \$500 at the most. It has agreed to pay their operating expenses, which I assume are the routine ones of personnel and equipment, but it has not undertaken to provide any assistance whatsoever for projects that may be required.

The provincial authorities may or may not have authority or be willing to put up a share of the projects costs. This is another thing which the bill leaves very much up in the air because the provincial contribution is purely a matter of negotiation. The local agencies are authorized to collect fees and charges, as well as effluent discharge fees, but it is not specified whether they can do this by taxation, and certainly they are given no legislative authority to tax. In fact, it would appear that if the agencies are to operate their projects by taxation on real estate such authority would have to come from the provincial legislature. It is not clear whether the cost of water quality projects is to be borne by taxpayers in general within the water quality area, by those bordering upon the waters in question, or by those who are discharging pollutants into the water.

Speaking of the effluent discharge fees, which have been mentioned several times today, under no circumstances could I approve of such fees for new industries or for any situation arising in the future. I could not agree to creating pollution problems by paying effluent discharge fees. They might be justified in some cases where existing industries or municipalities have done everything they can to eliminate pollution, where the agency can effectively undertake treatment, and where there is no other alternative except closing down and creating unemployment. But I repeat that under no circumstances should this legislation permit a new

industry, a new project, to discharge pollutants into our waters simply by paying an effluent discharge fee. I feel the bill should specifically spell this out. This is certainly one of the amendments that ought to be proposed in committee.

I see it is five o'clock, Mr. Speaker, and so I will resume my remarks later.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Before calling private members' hour, I might recognize the hon. member for Gatineau (Mr. Clermont).

[*Translation*]

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS****FINANCE, TRADE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Mr. Gaston Clermont (Gatineau):** Mr. Speaker by leave of the House, I would ask to revert to Routine Proceedings in order to present a committee report.

[*English*]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is it agreed.

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Clermont:** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present, in English and French, the second report of the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

[*Editor's Note: Text of foregoing report appears in today's Votes and Proceedings.*]

[*English*]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It being five o'clock the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's Order Paper, namely, Notices of Motions for Papers.

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS FOR PAPERS****INDIAN AFFAIRS****CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO POLICY STATEMENT BY MINISTER**

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena)** moved:

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency praying that he will cause to be laid before this House a copy of all notes made at all meetings or conversations between the government