

Private Bills

I must say that I have to come down, possibly on the cautious side, with a decision that the proposition put forward by way of an amendment is a new proposition and cannot be allowed at this stage.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Too bad.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE
DEBATED

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Before recognizing the hon. member for Richmond I think the understanding was that at this point we would deal with two items under private members' business and then revert back to Bill C-144. Prior to doing that I might advise the House of the business to be dealt with at the time of adjournment: the hon. member for Brandon-Souris (Mr. Dinsdale)—National Film Board—Inquiry as to closing of Brandon office; The hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin)—Agriculture—Dairy Industry—changes in constitution to Control Production; The hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Rowland)—Fisheries—Location of freshwater fish Marketing Corporation Plant in Winnipeg instead of Selkirk.

The House will now deal with Private Bills under Private Members' business.

PRIVATE BILLS

BRUNNER CORPORATION (CANADA) LIMITED

Mr. Philip G. Givens (York West) moved that Bill S-18, respecting Brunner Corporation (Canada) Limited, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Givens moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

AGRICULTURE

MEASURE TO INCORPORATE NATIONAL
FARMERS UNION

Mr. A. B. Douglas (Assiniboia) moved that Bill S-22, to incorporate National Farmers

[Mr. Deputy Speaker.]

Union, as reported (without amendment) from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills and Standing Orders, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Douglas (Assiniboia) moved that the bill be read a third time and do pass.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

WATER RESOURCES

PROVISION FOR MANAGEMENT INCLUDING
RESEARCH AND PLANNING AND IM-
PLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Greene that Bill C-144, to provide for the management of the water resources of Canada including research and the planning and implementation of programs relating to the conservation, development and utilization of water resources, be read the third time and do pass.

[Translation]

Mr. Beaudoin: Mr. Speaker, I shall be very brief in expressing the views of the Ralliement créditiste on Bill C-144 before it is passed on third reading.

To my mind Bill C-144 is somewhat lame in that it does not say much that is concrete. As it stands, it will be difficult to implement for it does not lead anywhere.

Even though the government has rejected all the amendments of the opposition which might have given the bill some value and indicated, once and for all, that the government wants to tackle water pollution in Canada, we will vote for Bill C-144 because we recognize that it is one step towards fighting pollution.

But what is the exact meaning of this bill? Nowhere does it say that the government will be able to penalize the companies or municipalities polluting our Canadian waters. In its present form, we will have to wait until the water of an entire area is polluted for the government to state that it is a polluted area and to take steps to clean it.

Because this bill cannot curb pollution efficiently, I blame the minister and the government for not accepting some of the amendments suggested by the opposition.