

*Redistribution*

**The Deputy Chairman:** The hon. member has also moved another amendment. Shall it carry?

**Mr. Fleming:** In my submission, Mr. Chairman, the second amendment does not go nearly as far as it should in the direction of trying to repair some of the injustice that has been done with respect to the riding of Moose Jaw-Lake Centre. Even with the amendment which has been passed and with this amendment, and I believe another one that the hon. member for Rosthern intends to introduce, that riding will still have a population of 53,000, which makes it the largest in the province with one exception. I refer to the urban riding of Regina, and now the riding of Humboldt may possibly have 500 people more than this riding in view of these three changes that are in the process of being made. But, Mr. Chairman, my submission is that the amendment with respect to these particular townships named now before the committee does not go far enough. If all of the townships named, instead of just the east half of them, were included in the amendment it would have the effect of removing one of the very objectionable features of the way the boundaries of the riding of Moose Jaw-Lake Centre have been drawn.

Mention has been made more than once of the fact that these boundaries are drawn in such a way that a portion of the city of Regina is included in this riding, as well as the suburbs of Regina. If the entire townships named, instead of merely the east half of them, were included within the scope of the amendment it would have the effect of removing from the riding the portion of the city of Regina that is now within the riding, and it would also remove the east part of the suburbs of that city.

I am sure I do not need to dwell on the objectionable features which have already been threshed out in this debate of including in a riding like this a portion of the city of Regina. You have a city in it now, the city of Moose Jaw, and you have this huge rural area, difficult enough to represent by reason of the problem of access created by the fact that Last Mountain lake bisects the riding north and south. Therefore I move, Mr. Chairman:

That the schedule for Saskatchewan be amended as follows:

(1) That all of townships 16 to 21 inclusive in ranges 18 and 19, west of the second meridian, be removed from Moose Jaw-Lake Centre and added to Qu'Appelle.

I am sure the genial member for Qu'Appelle will be very happy to welcome the west half of these townships into the

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riding of Qu'Appelle, as well as the east half. In doing so, something will be done to repair the maldistribution created by the Saskatchewan schedule, which makes the riding of Lake Centre much too large and much too populous in relation to other rural ridings in the province, and indeed all the ridings of the province.

**The Deputy Chairman:** Is the committee ready for the question?

**Mr. Coldwell:** This does go some distance, but it does not meet the objection I have; that is that a portion of the city of Regina has been placed outside the city of Regina. It seems to me that in considering amendments we should make Regina City a constituency bounded by the municipal boundaries of that city. It seems to me the logical thing is to include in Regina those parts of Regina that are now outside and which are proposed to be placed in Qu'Appelle. I certainly think that should be considered. It is the objection that I have taken throughout.

It does not seem to me logical or sensible to take part of a city out of the city and place it in a rural constituency, and certainly I do not think it is wise to place it in Moose Jaw-Lake Centre. I can imagine that the people in the city of Regina who are to be in the constituency called Moose Jaw-Lake Centre will not relish that to any extent. I wanted to put my position before the committee.

**Mr. McCusker:** I just want to clarify what the hon. member for Rosetown-Biggan has said. I am sure he did not want to state what was wrong when he said this area has been taken out of Regina. It never was in Regina. Part of the area was in Moose Jaw constituency at the time of the last election, and the other part was in Qu'Appelle. If I am asked to retain the constituency within its old boundaries, with a slight change in the south part of the city to straighten out a jog in it, that leaves me with 66,500 people, in fact, more than that. That is the part of the city in which all the construction is going on. Houses are being built. In a very few years that part of the city will be out of all proportion to the surroundings on account of its increase in population. It is increasing very rapidly, more rapidly than anywhere else, and at the present time it is the largest constituency. I am merely suggesting that it remain as it was.

**Mr. Coldwell:** I should like to say that while I appreciate that the constituency of Regina today contains some 56,000 people, I think the hon. gentleman said—