

in the form of a motion and may fall into one of several categories.

(1) It may be declaratory of some principle adverse to, or differing from, the principles, policy or provisions of the bill."

I think that is the relevant part of the citation. There is one other part that might relate to the problem before us. I refer to the second example which is given:

"(2) It may express opinions as to any circumstances connected with the introduction or prosecution of the bill, or otherwise opposed to its progress."

I wish to confirm my initial thought on the matter which I expressed to honourable Members. The proposed reasoned amendment does not in fact oppose the principle of the bill. The honourable Member has argued this point. As I indicated in my initial remarks I have to come to this conclusion. The honourable Member who moved the amendment and the honourable Member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands (Mr. Douglas) argued the other side of the coin. With respect, however, I feel there is not opposition in principle expressed in this amendment. As I understand it the principle of the bill relates to the proposition that there should be a transitional payment of an amount of money to the people who will benefit under the bill and that a fund should be established for further stabilization. With respect I suggest that the amendment does not oppose the principle of the transitional payment.

The amendment asks that the bill be referred to the committee and that the government consider the introduction of a new bill to increase the amount of the proposed transitional payment to \$250 million. In other words what is proposed is an increase rather than an objection to that part of the bill. The proposed amendment would provide further that this new legislation would relate the proposed grain stabilization plan to an adequate level of farm net income which takes into account increasing costs of production. The honourable Member for Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands has argued very forcefully that this is opposed to the principle of the stabilization plan and is another plan. I really cannot agree with him because on the plain wording of the proposed amendment it is requested that the new bill would relate the proposed grain stabilization plan to an adequate level of farm income. It would seem to me there is nothing in the proposed amendment which expresses opposition. It suggests a change in the grain stabilization plan but not opposition to the principle of the plan itself. Therefore, for those reasons and under the authority I have quoted I feel I must regretfully say I cannot accept the amendment from a procedural standpoint.

Debate was resumed on the motion of Mr. Lang (Saskatoon-Humboldt), seconded by Mr. Olson,—That Bill C-244, An Act respecting the stabilization of prairie grain sale proceeds and to repeal or amend certain related statutes, be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

After further debate, the question being put on the said motion, it was agreed to, on division.

Accordingly, the said bill was read the second time, on division, and referred to the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

(By unanimous consent, at 3.55 o'clock p.m., Private Members' Business was called)

(Public Bills)

Orders numbered one to six were allowed to stand at the request of the government.

The Order being read for the second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications of Bill C-47, An Act to amend the Railway Act (Notice of Accidents);

Mr. Skoberg, seconded by Mr. Barnett, moved,—That the said bill be now read a second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications.

And debate arising thereon;

The hour for Private Members' Business expired.

Changes in Committee Membership

Notice having been filed with the Clerk of the House pursuant to Standing Order 65(4)(b), membership of Committees was amended as follows:

Mr. Peddle for Mr. Fairweather on the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Estimates.

Returns and Reports Deposited with the Clerk of the House

The following papers having been deposited with the Clerk of the House were laid upon the Table pursuant to Standing Order 41(1), namely:

By Mr. Jamieson, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council,—Report of the National Harbours Board, including its Accounts and Financial Statements certified by the Auditor General, for the year ended December 31, 1970, pursuant to section 32 of the National Harbours Board Act, chapter 187, and sections 85(3) and 87(3) of the Financial Administration Act, chapter 116, R.S.C., 1952. (English and French).—Sessional Paper No. 283-1/154.

By Mr. Jamieson,—Report of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority, including its Accounts and Financial Statements certified by the Auditor General, for the year ended December 31, 1970, pursuant to sections 85(3) and