

*Farm Products Marketing Agencies Bill*

no qualins about importing certain agricultural products at the time when Canadian production was ready to be delivered on the consumer market.

That is why we want the bill to be referred back to the committee. We do not want the committee to consider the whole bill, but only one particular clause to amend it so that it be more efficient. Having read the minutes of the proceedings of the Standing Committee on Agriculture, I know that this suggestion has been made to the committee and to the government.

Since the minister did not react to that request we want the bill to be referred back to the committee so that it may consider that point which is very important for the producers as well as—

**Mr. Corriveau:** You never did attend the sittings of the committee and you never will.

**Mr. Laprise:** I would like to tell the hon. member for Frontenac (Mr. Corriveau) that I was not a member of that committee and that is why I did not attend the sittings of the committee. However I have read the minutes of its proceedings in order to be informed.

If the hon. member for Frontenac carries out his duties as well as I have done until now, he will not need to give me any advice.

**Mr. Corriveau:** You did not even vote tonight.

**Mr. Laprise:** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member for Frontenac blames me for not voting on the amendments submitted at the report stage. He is giving me the opportunity to justify my action. I did not vote because, in my view, Bill C-176, as introduced by the Liberal party, is the most anti-agriculture legislative proposal ever submitted until now—

**Mr. Corriveau:** That is an excellent statement.

**Mr. Laprise:** Mr. Speaker, that is why I did not vote to amend a bill that was bad initially.

I support my colleague from Richmond who asked that the bill be referred back to the Committee, so that consideration be given to the very specific proposal regarding the control of imports, in order to protect both the farmers and the Canadian consumers.

• (6:10 a.m.)

[English]

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to make a few comments about the remarks of my very good friend, the hon. member for Crowfoot (Mr. Horner). I listened with a great deal of interest to what he said. I agree with him. That is the extent of the remarks I would like to make about what he said. I was very much impressed by the force of the remarks of the mover of the amendment, the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin), as well as the remarks of the hon. member for Kent-Essex (Mr. Danforth) and the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters) about the effect that might flow from not having a provision of this sort in the bill.

While listening, I noticed that the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Olson), who sometimes is not as attentive as at other times while in the House, in this particular instance

[Mr. Laprise.]

on this subject matter was completely attentive. He was all eyes and ears. He listened to what every member said. Obviously, from the look on his face, I thought he was favourably impressed. Inasmuch as he had been invited to speak by two hon. members, although on one occasion he walked out, I expected that before this matter came to a vote the minister would inform the House of the position of the government on this particular question and not leave the matter without any government comment.

Because of the value this matter may be to farmers, I thought that if the minister did not say anything he was giving tacit and silent consent to the arguments without refusing to accept them. I hope the minister will make a few comments fully endorsing the proposition that has been put forward. If he has any reason why he cannot accept them, because of experience or otherwise, I hope he will let the House know where he stands.

**Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate):** Mr. Speaker, my reason for rising to take part in this debate is very simple. I want it to be recorded that it is 6.20 a.m. This is an agriculture bill. I am a fisherman, and I am in the House at 6.20 a.m.

**An hon. Member:** Good for you, John.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** Take your time. I also want to send out a few copies of *Hansard*. When a fisheries bill is before the House, we want members from all parts of Canada to give us the same support as members from eastern Canada have given this agriculture bill. My friend who is with me this evening, the hon. member for Central Nova (Mr. MacKay), the hon. member for Edmonton Centre (Mr. Paproski) and other hon. members will want to take part in the debate as it continues. I hope we will not be here all night.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** Is the House ready for the question?

**Some hon. Members:** Question.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** The question is on the amendment of the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin).

• (6:20 a.m.)

[Translation]

Mr. Beaudoin, seconded by Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse) moved the following amendment:

That Bill C-176 be not now read a third time, but that it be referred back to the Standing Committee on Agriculture for further consideration of section 2(c).

[English]

All those in favour of the amendment will please say yea.

**Some hon. Members:** Yea.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some hon. Members:** Nay.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel):** In my opinion the nays have it.