

*Canadian Livestock Feed Board*

minister. If we can judge by the past, members of this house have been satisfied with the appointments to the Canadian council on rural development. I hope that because somebody is connected with a political party he will not be barred from appointment to any advisory committee or board. All we are concerned about is that he has the qualifications for which we are looking.

**Mr. Kindt:** Mr. Chairman, the more one looks at the function of the advisory committee as set forth in the bill, the more one is led to the conclusion that this committee is not needed at all. Of what use will it be? It will have no powers. It can only operate under powers given to it by the board. As the minister or anyone else who has worked on boards knows very well, the information of the board itself will be far greater and more penetrating than any information this advisory committee might obtain.

The minister says he is going to pick outstanding men to serve on the committee. Why? Is it to rectify the inadequacy and inefficiency of the members of the board? It is they who will make the decisions, and they should not hide behind an advisory committee. I believe that the advisory committee will degenerate into something upon which the board will lean, and the advisory committee will take the blame rather than the board with respect to decisions of a controversial nature affecting people on the producers' or consumers' side of the grain business.

I see no other reason for this advisory committee being established and no other useful purpose it could carry out. I think the minister has in the back of his mind appointing some kind of committee that will give advice and so on to the board, which is the body that will be charged with administering the act. I fail to see why the board could not of its own volition get on the telephone and contact somebody in Winnipeg in the grain marketing agencies, or anyone else, when it wished to obtain information. We do not need the setting up of an advisory committee to do this.

The committee as set forth in the bill is nothing more than a cover-up for what the minister anticipates will be the shortcomings of the board. The purpose is to make it appear to the people of Canada and the primary producers that the minister and the board are doing a good job and have had the benefit of the advice of an advisory committee. I say this is a cover-up and this type of provision should never have been included in

clause 15 of the bill. There is no need for this provision in the bill. It is a waste of public money and should be eliminated.

**Mr. Sauvé:** Mr. Chairman, I am at a loss to understand how two members of the same party can reconcile their views. The hon. member for Prince said that this advisory committee is not competent enough or large enough to have the authority he wants it to have, and the last speaker said that the advisory committee is a waste of time and money. Therefore I am really at a loss to see how I can accommodate both members of the same party who have completely contrary views.

With regard to the remarks of the last speaker, there are many advisory committees to boards and other agencies of the government appointed. I do not recall any agency of the government using the advice of its advisory committee to hide behind. In my experience, and it is a very limited one, the Canadian council on rural development and a number of other councils have worked very well. We have a good ARDA administration. These bodies co-operate in an ideal way, and we have found it to be very helpful to have a good advisory committee which is critical of the work being done.

● (4:10 p.m.)

I would hope that this advisory committee would assist the board, which will consist of three to five members, to do its work. I do not see any contradiction between this advisory committee and the board, and I would like my two hon. friends to reconcile their views if they have anything to add to clause 15.

**Mr. Kindt:** Perhaps I can help to clarify the statement made by the minister following his suggestion that such an advisory committee would be useful in helping the board to do its work. How would it be useful and in what work? What would be the work of the advisory committee? There is to be an advisory group which is to be made up of farmers and producers, similar to the board, but there is no point in establishing a committee which would do the work assigned to the board. They cannot undertake any other work nor can they recommend that any other work be done by the board except that which is referred to it. What sort of an advisory committee will it be when it cannot recommend anything to the board other than what is referred to it? They will be nothing else than yes men, and that is probably what the