

*Farm Products Marketing Agencies Bill*

also knows that the purpose of referring a bill to a standing committee is so that the committee members may study it clause by clause. If hon. members point out that there are defects in the wording of the clauses, with the open-mindedness of the government they will be taken into consideration. One or two arguments during this debate have impressed me but they do not invalidate the principle of the bill, which is what we decide on second reading.

**Mr. Horner:** Will the minister permit another question? The minister said that no marketing agency would be set up without the support of the majority of the producers. Can the minister inform the House whether the dairy council was set up after a plebiscite or vote was taken which showed that the majority of the dairy producers were in favour of it?

**Mr. Olson:** Of course the hon. member knows that the provisions of the Canadian Dairy Commission, if that is what he is referring to, do not find their support in a bill of this kind.

**Mr. Horner:** It was held up as an example.

**Mr. Olson:** No, it was not. The Canadian Dairy Commission's function is setting quotas and that sort of thing. It is directly related to the subsidy only, for the very simple reason that the federal government cannot enact supply management legislation on the production side. This has been ruled *ultra vires* once or twice by the Supreme Court. It therefore has to be done by the province. This bill provides for the co-ordination of provincial efforts.

**Mr. Muir (Lisgar):** The minister speaks about the severities contained in the bill. Does he agree that there is too much power in the Governor in Council under the terms of the bill as it now stands?

**Mr. Olson:** No, Mr. Speaker, I do not. There are many responsibilities that the government, the Governor in Council or the cabinet, whichever name you wish to put on it, must assume. As I said, I think it is wrong to put the most severe interpretation on the legal terminology which is required. There are many bills which have fairly severe legal wording in them. We believe these provisions will enable us effectively to do those things which the bill calls for.

[Mr. Olson.]

● (10:00 p.m.)

**Mr. Korchinski:** Since it now appears obvious that there is sustained opposition to the bill because of the fact that control is being vested in the minister, or in the Governor in Council, would he not consider it advisable, in order to speed up passage of the bill, to revise the particular clause to which objection is taken?

**Mr. Olson:** There may be some opposition to this bill from across the way, but this does not in my view constitute sustained opposition from the producers of this country, and it is in their interest that I am bringing this measure forward.

**Mr. Alkenbrack:** May I call it ten o'clock, Mr. Speaker?

### PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 40 deemed to have been moved.

#### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS—METHOD OF MAKING REPRESENTATIONS TO OTHER NATIONS

**Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw):** Mr. Speaker, on May 4, my hon. friend from Oshawa-Whitby (Mr. Broadbent) addressed the following question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Sharp) as reported in *Hansard* at page 6518:

Could the Secretary of State for External Affairs inform the House whether or not the disapproval of the Canadian government of the recent action of the Americans in Cambodia has been directly conveyed to the United States authorities, and, if so, what response was there?

To which the minister answered:

I think all hon. members noticed that the debate which took place in the House on Friday was being followed very closely by the representatives of the United States government.

I presume he meant representatives in the gallery. A further question was directed to the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) by myself on May 5. I asked whether or not this was the method the Canadian government used when making representations to other governments. The Speaker ruled that it was not a point which could be raised at that time and suggested I could obtain the information in various ways, one of which would be to put a question on the Order Paper. This I have