

Farm Products Marketing Agencies Bill

anyone has been straddling the fence it has been the member himself, because over the years I have always heard members of the New Democratic Party preach about the need for a national marketing board and so on. Yet at this particular time, when they have an opportunity to vote on that very issue, he suggests that we had better go back to the committee and study the bill all over again. If what we should have is a national marketing board, they have it and will have to live with it. Let me tell that hon. member and the NDP that for years they have sold the people on the idea, and as a matter of fact have sold it so well that they have sold it to the Liberal party.

Mr. Skoberg: On a point of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I believe the member now speaking has misinterpreted the motion that is before the House. It is a motion to refer one portion of the bill back to the committee. There has been no suggestion that the whole bill be referred back, but merely the part that was under discussion.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Laniel): Order, please. The point raised is merely an argument or a point of debate. I think the hon. member for Mackenzie (Mr. Korchinski) should be allowed to continue.

Mr. Korchinski: Mr. Speaker, I accept the member's explanation. Now I know that he stands four-square in favour of this stupid bill. Neither I nor my party are in favour of this stupid bill which would in no way solve any of the problems in which people engaged in the agricultural industry find themselves. For God's sake, what is the Farm Credit Corporation all about? Has it not been promoting the enlargement of farms, and so on? How can one promote greater efficiency and at the same time restrict production? How can one restrict production and obtain the same amount of return?

The member who spoke did not want a net return which would be compensatory to the cost of production. He has to explain it somehow to his people, and I would like to have his explanation so that I can carry it through to the next election. I want to know the stand of the NDP. I should like to hear it now and have it on the record so that I can carry it, not only to my constituency but to every other constituency. Every NDP'er in this country stands four-square for control. This is true. I know for a fact that in Saskatchewan they did not want people to control their own land. At least the former Liberal government in Saskatchewan allowed the people an opportunity to buy up some of the land. It gave them 20 or 30 years to buy up that land.

However, this was not part of the NDP philosophy, and that is why they do not want this to go through, because it will implement some of their stupid philosophy and they know it will not work. I cannot quite understand why the government was so insistent on trying to get it through. Now that we are so close to the vote I do not understand why they insisted on this type of legislation which has always been part of the NDP philosophy, because it means dictatorship, it means control.

Mr. Howard (Skeena): Shame!

Mr. Korchinski: I agree with you fully, because it is not going to work. There is no way in which you can restrict production and at the same time increase production. You

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can control production, but you will not be able to control the cost of production and there is nothing in the bill that would suggest that this is possible. Only one thing can happen, the small farmer will be drowned out and that will be "b.s." for him, if that is what you suggest. There is no way in which any man can survive under this type of legislation.

I am wondering why the NDP are beginning to stall. It must be because they are afraid. This is the result of a push that they have given to the Liberal government, and the Liberal government has swallowed it because they thought this would be the salvation. There is a left-wing element over there. Today I asked the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Sharp) an interesting question the implications of which were perhaps not understood by many members. I asked him whether we did or did not make a protest to Russia. Another factor is that the left-wing element in this country will protest to the United States but will not protest to Russia.

These protest groups, vociferous as they are, will work in one direction but not in another. So they have sucked in this government to the point where the Gallup poll shows that they got sucked down the drain. If you expect that the people are stupid, blind or naïve, then continue in that direction. I suggest that the two parties might as well form a coalition. The party to my left are really Liberals in a hurry, but they will speed up the destruction of the Liberals. I say to the government, listen to them, keep listening to them. All these years the official opposition has been instrumental in bringing about greater changes in the bill. Every member who sat on that committee knows that we did it with sincerity. Government members fought us as sincerely as we fought them, and government members on the committee were changed when necessary in order to fight for a particular clause that we were seeking to amend. Now hon. members opposite find themselves in this situation. Are they going to listen to this type of suggestion from the NDP?

• (4:30 a.m.)

An hon. Member: Yes.

Mr. Korchinski: Then I am quite prepared to see you go down the drain. I have no reservations at all about that.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): If you know a better drain, go to it.

Mr. Korchinski: An hon. member said that farm unions have requested this type of bill. At one time I used to belong to a farm union group. I did my darndest to cultivate it.

An hon. Member: In the Palliser triangle?

Mr. Korchinski: No, we are away off the Palliser triangle. We grow Christmas trees in my constituency. We tried our darndest because we were small farmers. We were struggling to exist. And do you know something, Mr. Speaker? Because of the fact that we have to struggle for existence, if we take on another job to help out, the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Gray) will say that we cannot deduct our farm expenses any longer for income tax purposes. This is another problem that we should discuss with the government.