

Textile and Clothing Board Act

unless he is prepared to say that manufactured goods need more protection.

Mr. Francis: Yes.

Mr. Horner: Numerous ministers, including the Minister of Finance (Mr. Benson), have stated in this House that our trade balance is good. If one studied the level of exports he would be proud of the growth of the export of manufactured goods in recent years.

● (9:20 p.m.)

Mr. Pepin: Mr. Hees says the opposite.

Mr. Horner: My hon. friend from Prince Edward-Has-tings (Mr. Hees) is talking about total trade.

An hon. Member: Oh, no.

Mr. Horner: I am talking about manufacturing industries. We can be proud of the increase—

Mr. Pepin: I will show him your speech tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Horner: We can be proud of the increase in manufactured goods that we have exported in the last ten years. I see the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce nodding his head in approval. I appreciate his nodding because it shows he follows my line of argument and agrees with it. Why, in these circumstances, is it necessary to include in this bill a mechanism which would give the government power, unknown to the public in the majority of cases, to cut off imports which a great many people might find desirable? If we look at the record of the textile industry we find that between 1965 and 1970 it grew at the rate of 3 per cent a year.

Mr. Speaker: Order, I have to interrupt the hon. member to bring to his attention the fact that his time has expired. He can continue only with the consent of the House.

An hon. Member: One minute.

Mr. Horner: Mr. Speaker, I thank you for giving me additional time. The point I am attempting to make is that in the past 10 years growth of employment in Canada has been largely in the service industries. Growth in employment in the manufacturing industries has been limited. By comparison with other industries, the textile industry has grown favourably and at a comparable rate. If one analyses the industry one finds that changes have been made within it. The industry has seen a marked growth in employment, in the dollar value of its sales, in the value of its products and in its efficiency, that is to say, the number of people employed in the industry in relation to the value of production.

While there has been a diminished return to the cotton section of the textile industry, there has been rapid growth in the man-made fibres section. Thus overall the textile industry has enjoyed a relatively good rate of growth by comparison with other manufacturing industries, and from this standpoint legislation of the kind

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now before us can only have the effect of narrowing the horizon for all those who want greater opportunities to exist within Canada.

Mr. Howard (Okanagan Boundary): Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: The parliamentary secretary has, of course, already spoken. I draw the attention of the House to the fact that we are not now in committee and hon. members cannot speak more than once without the unanimous consent of the House. I suggest, too, that if ministers and parliamentary secretaries speak more than once, the debate might well continue for quite a while.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion? All those in favour will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 11 of Standing Order 75(11), the recorded vote on motion No. 7 stands deferred.

Mr. J. H. Horner (Crowfoot) moved motion No. 2:

That Bill C-215, an act to establish the Textile and Clothing Board and to make certain amendments to other acts in consequence thereof, be amended by renumbering clause 8 in line 11 at page 4 as subclause 8(1) and by adding immediately after line 20 thereof the following:

"(2) The board, on receiving notice of a complaint, shall immediately notify the person or persons involved in the importation of the alleged textile and clothing goods so that the person or persons could put forward reasons as to why the importation was not injurious to Canadian production."

He said: Mr. Speaker, in support of my amendment to clause 8, I should like to point out that in my view we are dealing here with the crux of democracy.

An hon. Member: Ah!

Mr. Horner: I heard some sad moans. I hope they did not come from the minister, because he holds a responsible position and as a member of a responsible government he must be prepared to adhere to the principles of democracy. Clause 8 sets out the duties of the board and relates to the filing of petitions by those whom imports affect. I attended as many of the committee proceedings as I could and I was especially concerned about the proceedings which are the subject of report No. 19. I heard evidence on that occasion which convinced me that this bill creates more uncertainty within importing industries in Canada than is now the case with a country such as Russia.

I do not intend to quote from the committee report because I am hypersensitive to charges of holding up legislation around this House, particularly today. Therefore, I shall not quote from committee proceedings No. 19. But witnesses did state that because of this bill they