

Science Council of Canada

half. Whoever organized this seminar organized it very well. I met a number of very bright young men to whom I intend later on to sell New Democratic Party memberships.

Now, I have one other suggestion. I suggest that sometimes scientists are inclined to get divorced from the public. The function of parliament is to keep, shall I say, the ultra type of people in touch with the ordinary people. In the administration of this act I suggest that the minister not only co-operate with the provinces, which I am sure will be done, but also co-operate with public bodies, and with the public, with a view to getting their understanding of what is being attempted and also with a view to receiving information from ordinary persons. There is many an ordinary person who does not have a degree or anything of that nature who comes up with great ideas. The council has the opportunity of getting the best result by using all the brains that are applied to this problem of research, such as program priorities and things of that sort.

With those few remarks I now take my seat.

● (9:30 p.m.)

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the said motion?

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the house went into committee thereon, Mr. Rinfret in the chair.

Clauses 2 to 10 inclusive agreed to.

On clause 11—*Duties of the Council.*

Mr. Drury: Mr. Chairman, in the course of my remarks earlier on the second reading of this bill, I endeavoured to make a distinction between planning for science and planning in science, and indicated that the role of the council was planning for science and technology whereas the role of the operating agencies was planning within science.

I would, therefore, suggest that clause 11(d) be amended by changing the first line which reads:

—longterm planning in scientific and technological research and development in Canada;

It should read: "long term planning for scientific and technological research and development in Canada".

Mr. Robichaud: Mr. Chairman, I move:

That clause 11 (d) be amended by replacing the word "in" in the first line by the word "for".

[Mr. Herridge.]

Mr. Deputy Chairman: Shall the amendment carry?

Amendment agreed to.

Mr. Enns: Mr. Chairman, perhaps I should have put my question in relation to the amendment, but my concern is whether or not the Science Council will concern itself with behavioural sciences. I am thinking of fields such as psychology, psychiatry, social work and so forth. I am not sure whether the amendment relating to scientific and technological research will cover these services. Perhaps I should address myself to paragraph (h) of this clause which refers to certain aspects of scientific, economic and social aspects of life in Canada.

I do not know whether or not the minister has considered this or not, but any discussion about elemental research or the study of personnel, manpower and social sciences will definitely affect any progress we may make. Specific measures have been considered by this house such as medicare and the Canada Assistance Plan, as well as the Company of Young Canadians and the broad question of penology. I should like to ask the minister whether the Science Council will be able to consider the behavioural sciences?

Mr. Drury: I think I made it quite clear at the outset of the discussion on the resolution that sciences and scientific research in the sense used in this bill in relation to the Science Council relate to the so-called natural sciences and not to social sciences. The natural sciences and technology in this sense as indicated in paragraph (h) relate to the fundamental work of the natural sciences rather than social sciences.

Mr. Enns: Do I understand that the question of manpower will not come within the scope of the work of this council?

Mr. Drury: Mr. Chairman, obviously in so far as sciences in Canada are concerned, the output of manpower will have a relationship and to that extent will be considered. One cannot advance scientific research and technology without increasing the number of men available. For that reason there will have to be some study made as to how best to train these men and use them.

[Translation]

Mr. Allard: Mr. Chairman, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Industry pertaining to clause 11 (f).