

*Farm Products Marketing Agencies Bill***Messrs:**

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• (11:30 p.m.)

Mr. Speaker: I declare the motion lost.

Mr. Gibson: On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker, I did not vote because I was paired with the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Stanfield) who is vacationing in Guadeloupe.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. McGrath: That was cheap. You are without honour.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Baldwin: Mr. Speaker, I rise on the same question of privilege. We do not know whether the hon. member is here or not. We do not miss him.

Mr. Benson: What! You do not miss your own leader?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture) moved that Bill C-176, to establish the National Farm Products Marketing Council and to authorize the establishment of national marketing agencies for farm products, as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on Agriculture, be concurred in.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Speaker: When shall the said bill be read the third time? Now, by leave?

An hon. Member: By leave, now.

Mr. Olson moved that the bill be read the third time and do pass.

Mr. H. W. Danforth (Kent-Essex): Mr. Speaker, is the minister about to speak? I take it that he is not. Consider-

able effort has been made on all sides of the House to pass this bill—

Mr. Speaker: May we have order, please. The hon. member for Kent-Essex (Mr. Danforth) has the floor. If hon. members want to conduct conversations or conferences, perhaps they might do so behind the curtains.

Mr. Danforth: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We have almost passed a bill which will be of major importance to the entire agricultural community of Canada. I sincerely believe that members on all sides of the House have made an honest effort to provide as good a bill as possible to meet the interests of agriculture. Unfortunately, I am not convinced that it will bring about the results for which all hon. members of the House sincerely hope.

We have been considering this bill for two years and in our positions on it we have travelled almost full circle. When the government first introduced the bill they were prepared to accept it as it was and pass it. Because the opposition dared to criticize some aspects of the bill, we were charged, after some ten hours of debate, with filibustering.

An hon. Member: Nonsense.

Mr. Danforth: We were charged with obstructing a measure that would help the agricultural community of this nation immeasurably. Mr. Speaker, the minister assured us when he brought in this bill that he had the full co-operation of all farm leaders for this type of measure. He suggested that he enjoyed the blessing and full co-operation of all ministers of agriculture across this country.

Mr. Faulkner: Where do you stand?

Mr. Danforth: He suggested that there was unanimous agreement and support for this type of legislation. Yet, after we dared to criticize some aspect of this measure and it was proposed that the bill should go to committee, the government began to lose credibility. We discovered that there was not unanimous agreement and support for the provisions of the original bill. Farm organization after farm organization and commodity group after commodity group came before the committee and said, "No, we cannot accept the bill in its present form. There must be amendments."

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Danforth: That happened after we had been assured that the bill was entirely acceptable and that the farming community unanimously supported this type of legislation. And what happened? When the committee travelled across this country we found that the ministers of agriculture of the provinces were not in full accord; they did not all support the bill. After receiving assurances in this House that the ministers favoured the bill, we found that it just was not so.

An hon. Member: Are you supporting it or not?

Mr. Danforth: You are going to find out. I am not going to support this bill. I cannot support it because it will not help the farming community, and I will explain why.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!