

environment of the province. I shall not read all of the accord. Part of it states:

—the governments of Canada and Nova Scotia, recognizing that programs aimed at achieving environmental objectives should be planned and undertaken to ensure comprehensiveness and eliminate duplication, agree to adhere to the principles and practices stated below in the development and maintenance of complementary programs with each government acting within its jurisdiction; agree to develop new co-ordinating mechanisms and new complementary programs so that they are in harmony with existing co-operative or complementary arrangements in related fields flowing either from legislation or administrative practice; and agree to the following principles and practices relating to the protection and enhancement of environmental quality;

On page 3 they list the items to which they take exception. They concern the ambient environmental quality criteria and objectives. I shall read the points listed:

6. Canada agrees, after consultation with the province and all other provinces, to determine and promulgate scientific criteria for air and water quality based upon the best available scientific information.

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7. Canada agrees, after consultation with the province and all other provinces, to establish broad national ambient quality objectives for air and water based upon nationally agreed scientific criteria.

8. Canada and the province agree to identify specific geographic areas of joint interest and to establish specific ambient quality objectives or requirements for such areas based upon agreed scientific criteria. Existing agreements would not be affected by such undertakings.

9. Canada, after consultation with the province and all other provinces, agrees to develop national baseline effluent and emission requirements and guidelines for specific industrial groups and specific pollutants. Specific groups or classifications of industries will be agreed upon from time to time for the purpose of establishing priorities.

10. Canada and the province agree to consult freely on possible environmental effects of proposed major developments or redevelopment projects. Canada and the province undertake to provide each other with data and other general information necessary for an environmental assessment and review.

It is obvious from reading some of the briefs and the tenure of the briefs presented to the committee, whether the information came from Newfoundland or carried through all of the provinces, right through to British Columbia, that the thread was identical, namely, that consultation must take place between the federal government and the provinces. It was not only with the provinces that we noted it: it was equally true of all the briefs presented by the various companies as their witnesses appeared before the committee. One brief in particular, presented by the Mining Association of Canada, was very critical of the present government and the manner in which this bill was organized. They state in their brief:

Nevertheless, we feel that the members of the committee should be made aware of our serious concern at the lack of prior consultation which marked the conceptual stage of this particular bill . . .

Yet it would appear that little effort was made by Environment Canada to consult at the time with the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources whose professionals in the many disciplines associated with mining could have been of considerable assistance.

Neither was any effort made by Environment Canada to consult on aspects of the bill with responsible experts in the mining industry through the medium of the Mining Association of Canada.

These are just some examples, Mr. Speaker. They indicate the concern of citizens right across the country. Therefore, we in the official opposition were concerned when the chairman of the committee indicated that the original motion as presented

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was unacceptable. It was our intention to move a similar motion to that which is on the order paper now, in the event that it had not been moved by the Minister of Fisheries and the Environment (Mr. LeBlanc). However, this motion to which I address myself this evening states very clearly that the minister shall offer to consult with the governments of the provinces. I hope that wording will allay the fears of the provinces and their representatives who came before the committee. I am really surprised that this motion was not in the original bill.

Obviously, lack of consultation is of prime concern to Canadians. After all, if we are to have unity within the country when legislation is enacted at the federal level, consideration must be given to those who are affected throughout the provinces. In the final analysis, it is only by consultation and agreement with them that we can make our laws effective. For all these reasons, we on this side are pleased to support this amendment.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion No. 3 (Mr. LeBlanc) agreed to.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): By unanimous consent, Mrs. Campagnolo, seconded by Mr. MacEachen, moves:

That Bill C-38, an act to amend the Fisheries Act and to amend the Criminal Code in consequence thereof, be amended in clause 5 by striking out line 12 on page 3 thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"équilibre d'une manière préjudiciable"

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Jarvis: Mr. Speaker, I will make a very short intervention, if I may. I had hoped that before dealing with this motion, for which I see no immediate reason for opposing, there might have been some explanation for the reasoning. This was never brought before the committee during the committee hearings, that I recall. I think I was there for all of them except maybe one. There may be some problems between the Minister of Fisheries and the Environment (Mr. LeBlanc) and the Minister of Transport (Mr. Lang). I do not say disagreement, but some problems because of the implications of the Canada Shipping Act. Therefore, I hope the parliamentary secretary, or someone on the government side, will take the opportunity at this point to indicate to the House what