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ture refused to incorporate any regulation into the act but promised that any regulation would be published and actually tabled in the house for the consideration of the committee.

I raise that point because my colleague, the hon. member for Peace River, said, and rightly so, that we were thereby giving the governor in council unlimited powers to draw up a second bill.

In fact, what does clause 39 contain? Only some patching up. Perhaps the number of paragraphs in that clause is no greater than in other acts, but the essential can be found in them.

The minister can say that the same provisions appear in the other bills, but I still maintain that it only amounts to some patching up. However, the fact is that the principle is quite dangerous and that we shall insist more and more to have any regulation published and submitted for consideration, since everyone knows that he who gets unlimited powers can misuse the privilege.

• (10:30 p.m.)

Even if there is good will, one is inclined to abuse power when one has it. Therefore, I ask the minister if he can assure us that all regulations made under clause 39 will be presented to the house so that the appropriate committee may have the opportunity to examine them.

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Chairman, maybe there is some misunderstanding—and perhaps also a lack of precision on my part.

Once this legislation is passed, I hope that we will be able to bring down in May, as I announced it, a bill respecting industrial incentives, which will be the real legislation that will enable us to help industry.

That legislation will provide the criteria for designation, the amounts of money, etc. In other words, the legislation will spell out everything the house needs to know in order to make up its mind and pass judgment on the general activity of the government in this field. The bill before us is only intended to establish the department and nothing more.

As soon as we start studying the field of industrial incentives, a special legislation will be brought before the house.

As to the regulations which will allow the department to take some steps, they could only fall within the public domain and perhaps be discussed in the house, should hon. members not agree on them.

[*English*]

Clause agreed to.

Clause 20 agreed to.

[Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West).]

Clauses 102 to 106 inclusive agreed to.

Schedule A agreed to.

Schedule B as amended agreed to.

Clause 1 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

The Deputy Chairman: This concludes consideration of Bill C-173.

Bill reported.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): When shall the said bill be read the third time?

Some hon. Members: By leave, now.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale) (for Mr. Trudeau) moved that the bill be read the third time and passed.

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I shall just take a minute, Mr. Speaker. The bill has now proceeded through the house. With regard to what is, perhaps in many ways, a most important section of the bill, namely the part of the bill we have been discussing these past several days relating to regional economic development, I do not wish to add anything to what I said previously when I made some suggestions and expressed some reservations about the manner in which the department is constituted and its approach.

Actually, I am disappointed that it has taken the government 10 or 11 months to prepare this bill for the house. Perhaps the house has not done too badly by dealing with it in 10 or 11 days. But the point I want to make is that the bill has now been passed and the various departments finally established.

Mr. Drury: No—what about the Senate?

Mr. Stanfield: The bill has passed as far as this house is concerned. This measure is obviously one of the most important measures the government is undertaking. The activities of the various departments will be watched with great interest and scrutiny. As I say, it has taken the government 10 months to get the bill before the house; in God's name, let the government now go ahead with its work and get the job done.

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): Mr. Speaker, although we can commend a great deal of Bill C-173, there is one serious gap in it. No provision has been made to set up a department of housing and urban affairs. The federal cabinet should include in the bill a minister responsible for housing and urban development who would occupy his portfolio on a