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case of oil pipelines. In certain cases gas is sold within a producer province to a utility serving a consumer province. The Saskatchewan Power Commission is an example. That utility takes title to the gas in the producer province, thereafter having it transported by the pipeline company to the consumer province. Another example is that of the greater Winnipeg Gas Company which buys Alberta gas in Alberta and has it transported by Alberta Gas Trunk Line to Empress and by TransCanada Pipelines to Winnipeg. Under the original definition this transaction would not have been regulated.

A second aspect of the amendment is that the area or zone in Canada is specifically related to those outside the province of production, thus making it clear that it is interprovincial trade which is being regulated.

The third part of the amendment to this clause is:

(c) by striking out lines 34 and 35 on page 19 thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"quality of gas,"

The amendment in effect removes some words which are irrelevant. The definition of "price" is not meant to be the same as "prescribed price", and the deletion of the words now removed avoids a possible confusion.

At this point perhaps I should ask my colleague, the President of the Privy Council, to move this amendment:

Mr. Sharp moved:

That Bill C-32 be amended

(a) by adding thereto, immediately after line 27 on page 19 thereof, the following definition:

"consumption" means, in relation to gas, the action of using it as a fuel or energy source or consuming it in the manufacture of products of trade and commerce;"

(b) by striking out lines 30 to 32, inclusive, on page 19 thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"under this Part for that gas on or for delivery in any area or zone in Canada and outside its province of production or at any point on the international boundary of Canada;" and

(c) by striking out lines 34 and 35 on page 19 thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"quantity of gas;"

The Deputy Chairman: Shall the amendment carry?

Amendment (Mr. Sharp) agreed to.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall clause 47, as amended, carry?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Clause 47, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 48 agreed to.

On clause 49—*Purpose*.

Mr. Gillies: Mr. Chairman, I should like to move an amendment to clause 49.

I move:

That clause 49 on page 20 be amended by deleting line 25 and substituting therefor the following:

"Prices of alternative fuels in Canada, in co-operation at all times with the provinces of production which, in the interests and for the protection of consumers in other provinces, has foregone to the

degree necessary to this purpose its constitutional autonomy over gas as a natural resource."

The purpose of this amendment is precisely the same as that of the amendment moved earlier in respect of oil. I need not repeat the arguments made at that particular time. The point is that we believe the pricing of these natural resources should be done by the federal and provincial governments working in co-operation and consultation, rather than having something imposed by the federal government. The arguments have been made. I would hope the minister would accept our amendment, although I am not very sure that he will.

The Deputy Chairman: Shall the amendment carry?

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): No.

Amendment (Mr. Gillies) negatived on division: Yeas, 14; nays, 30.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): At this same point, with regard to oil may I say at the suggestion of the hon. member for Calgary Centre that certain wording has been added to the bill. I think it might be desirable to move an amendment in this regard, and perhaps the President of the Privy Council would do so.

Mr. Sharp moved:

That Bill C-32 be amended by striking out lines 21 to 25 on page 20 thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

"Producers in Canada;

(c) to protect consumers in Canada from instability of prices for gas and to preserve a reasonable balance between the prices of alternative fuels in Canada; and

(d) to encourage the discovery, development and production of a supply of gas adequate to the self-sufficiency of Canada."

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Amendment (Mr. Sharp) agreed to.

Clause 49, as amended, agreed to.

Clause 50 agreed to.

On clause 51—*Prescribing prices*.

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): The Minister of Public Works has inspired another amendment, this time to clause 51. He will move:

That Bill C-32 be amended by striking out lines 1 to 4, inclusive, on page 21 thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

"by regulation, prescribe prices at which the various kinds of gas to which this Part applies that are produced, extracted, recovered or manufactured in that province are to be sold on or for delivery in any areas or zones in Canada and outside that province or at any points on the international boundary of Canada".

This amendment does for clause 51(1) what the amendment to the definition of prescribed price does in clause 47, that is, it introduces the concept "or for deliveries" and two words to define the area of delivery as being outside the province of production, thus ensuring that interprovincial trade is regulated and not intraprovincial. The province stated in the previous amendment is the province of the pipeline company.

Mr. Drury: I so move.

Amendment (Mr. Drury) agreed to.

Clause 51, as amended, agreed to.