

*Proceedings on Adjournment Motion*

clauses and as a result of the peculiar language that is used by draftsmen we are in effect giving carte blanche almost to a new act, if such were desired.

Perhaps I am looking at the gloomy side but there have been far too many unfortunate examples in the past under various types of legislation where sweeping powers have been given to the Governor in Council. And, let us face it, this legislation gives to the board the power to make regulations. It recommends them to the minister, who is nominated by the Governor in Council to be responsible for the act. They are then taken to the committee of the cabinet on orders in council, the stamp of approval is put on them and, lo and behold, that is the law. Subsequently somebody may really get hurt, and if he is long with patience, long with purse and a most determined man he may be prepared to take the board to court. We have seen cases in the past where individuals have taken the wheat board to court. The wheat board has done many good things, but it has also been guilty in the past of many transgressions. Nevertheless, there are still some regulations which I think cry out for correction.

This is why I must raise objection at this time to the sweeping powers which are being given to boards to make their own regulations, the boards not being accountable for them. I would like the minister to go so far as to agree to bring in an amendment that any regulations that are made shall be tabled in the house. Within the last two years we have had examples of this. Some of the minister's colleagues have recognized the necessity for bringing these regulations before parliament so that parliament can examine them. I think that an amendment could be drafted by way of a proviso to the clause that these regulations shall be brought in and tabled within 15 days of their coming into effect if parliament is sitting and, if not, within 10 days after parliament next sits.

I would also suggest, Mr. Chairman, that under these regulations there is authority to bring this board into conflict with the Canadian Wheat Board in the designated areas. Under subclause (c) there is power to designate any grade of wheat grown in the designated area not to be a feed grain. It would be an eminently satisfying situation, to be sure, to have the Wheat Board declare that a certain quality of wheat shall be deemed to be feed wheat and then have this particular board turn round and say no, it is

[Mr. Lambert.]

not to be so deemed. The power to do just that is there.

What I should like to know is why it is deemed that the board should have this power which has been specifically spelt out. Beyond this, the board can determine whether any grain or grain product is to be a feed grain. To go from the sublime to the ridiculous, it could, for example, pick No. 1 northern wheat.

In addition, according to the definitions clause "livestock" means cattle, sheep, swine and poultry and such other classes of livestock as may be designed by regulation as livestock. I am wondering what other livestock the minister may be thinking of.

I see it is six o'clock, Mr. Chairman.

**The Chairman:** Order. It being six o'clock, and in order that the house may proceed to the consideration of private members' business, I do now leave the chair.

Progress reported.

### PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO  
BE DEBATED

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. It is my duty, pursuant to provisional standing order 39A, to inform the house that the questions to be raised at the time of adjournment tonight are as follows: The hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre (Mr. Knowles) Old Age Security—inquiry as to legislation this session; the hon. member for Chapleau (Mr. Laprise), Finance—inquiry as to whether the minister has considered fighting inflation through tax reductions; the hon. member for Grey-Bruce (Mr. Winkler) Agriculture—inquiry as to price of manufacturing milk.

• (6:00 p.m.)

**Mr. Pennell:** Mr. Speaker, I would ask the indulgence of the house to consent to a suspension of the sitting until eight o'clock this evening.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Does the house agree to suspend this sitting from now until eight o'clock this evening?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The committee will resume its work at eight o'clock.

SITTING SUSPENDED

At 6.05 p.m. the sitting of the house was suspended.