

Mr. Comeau, seconded by Mr. Aiken, moved,—That Bill C-144, An Act to provide for the management of the water resources of Canada including research and the planning and implementation of programs relating to the conservation, development and utilization of water resources be amended by inserting therein, next after clause 2 thereof, the following:

“Ministerial Responsibility

3. The duties, powers and functions of the Minister extend to and include all matters

- (a) not exclusively assigned to the legislatures of the provinces or by law assigned to any other department, branch or agency of the government of Canada that relate to the control and management of the water resources of Canada and to the preservation, improvement and restoration of the quality of the national environment by the prevention, elimination and limitation of the pollution of water resources and the pollution of any natural element that in any way might or does pollute a water resource; and
- (b) necessary or incidental to such duties, powers and functions although so assigned.”

and by renumbering the subsequent clauses accordingly.

After debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion, pursuant to section 11 of Standing Order 75, a recorded division was deferred.

Mr. Comeau, seconded by Mr. Aiken, moved,—That Bill C-144, An Act to provide for the management of the water resources of Canada including research and the planning and implementation of programs relating to the conservation, development and utilization of water resources be amended by adding a new clause 6A as follows:

- “6A. (1) Forthwith upon the coming into force of this Act, the Governor in Council, upon the recommendation of the Minister, shall establish water quality standards for all classes of waters in Canada.
- (2) No person shall deposit or permit the deposit of waste in any waters in Canada that fall below the minimal water quality standard established for those waters under subsection (1); violation of this subsection shall be deemed to be an offense and punishable under section 22.”

Mr. Harding, seconded by Mr. Winch, moved,—That Bill C-144, An Act to provide for the management of the water resources of Canada including research and the planning and implementation of programs relating to the conservation, development and utilization of water resources be amended by adding immediately following the word “prescribing” in subclause (1) (a) of clause 16 on page 18 the following:

“from time to time specific water quality standards and levels applicable to all bodies of water under the jurisdiction of the Canada Water Act for the following.”

And debate arising on the said motions;