

Farm Products Marketing Agencies Bill

therefor the words "a majority". I think we should all agree that if marketing agencies are established, it is for the purpose of marketing farm products. Under the circumstances, however, I think that a majority of producers should control these organizations.

With regard to amendment No. 7, I will say that it would be quite reasonable for the minister or the Governor in council to have the right, under this bill, to remove a member of the board who does not discharge his duties adequately, because it would not be in the best interests of the producers to have on the board a member without good behaviour. This bill should therefore provide for dismissal of anybody who does not carry out his duties satisfactorily.

[English]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. Members: Question.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The question is on Motion No. 6. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion? All those in favour of the said motion please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed to the said motion please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it. I declare the motion negatived on division.

Motion No. 6 (Mr. Moore) negatived.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The question is now on Motion No. 7. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion? All those in favour of the said motion please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it.
And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In accordance with the relevant standing order the division will be deferred until later this day.

The next question is on Motion No. 8. Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion? All those in favour of the motion please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed to the said motion please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the nays have it. I declare the motion negatived.

An hon. Member: On division.

Motion No. 8 (Mr. Horner) negatived.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The chamber has before it now the consideration of Motion No. 9. The hon. member for Mackenzie (Mr. Korchinski) moves:

That Bill C-176, an act to establish the National Farm Products Marketing Council and to authorize the establishment of national marketing agencies for farm products, be amended by adding the following to subclause (1) of clause 6 immediately after line 17, page 5:

"(a) to submit to the minister, at the commencement of each production year, a list of prices which shall be paid for a regulated product for that year, such prices to be compensatory for the cost of production of such product;"

and by relettering subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, I welcome this opportunity and am grateful to the House for having dealt with the previous amendments in such haste so that I might utter at least a few words in support of this particular motion. I moved this motion in the committee after having had the assistance of various law officers of the House of Commons who advised me that it was in order. Later during the committee proceedings I was advised by the chairman that my motion was not in order. After bringing it to the House I now find apparently that it is now in order.

I am grateful to have this opportunity to speak to my motion because I believe it is germane to the whole bill. I believe the hon. member for Kootenay-West (Mr. Harding) mentioned that lawyers, doctors, plumbers and so on have a closed shop organization. They know precisely what they will get as a result of their negotiations. Whenever a union in this country negotiates it does so from the position that the members know next year precisely what they will get. If the producers of this country are to be regulated to the point where they will not be in a position to produce any more and are told so by a council, then they must have a price which is compensatory in respect of the cost of production.

It seems to me that we cannot have it both ways. If the producers are expected at any particular time to produce cheap food, and if a cheap food policy is to be incorporated in this bill, then all the small producers will suffer. The Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Olson) made quite an issue about there being some big people who will make fortunes out of this bill and I pointed out that there will also be people who will go broke. This is true. The people who have the quotas, the haves, will get richer and the have-nots will get poorer. The have-nots will be expected to produce and to produce at a price which is not economically feasible. They do not have any negotiators working on their behalf.

Mention is always made of the people who are the leaders in every community. They are the big fellows who come forward. They are the people who have made a success in a certain area and therefore are considered able to make a success of endeavours in another area. Because they are the people who have the lower cost of production it is considered that they are the people who should do the negotiating.

• (9:50 p.m.)

That does not necessarily follow. There are many smaller producers who will not have bargaining power. We are told that General Motors cuts down its production when it