

Competition Tribunal Act

produce farm chemicals at a much cheaper rate. We can produce a lot more at a much cheaper rate in this country.

• (1610)

I make an appeal to this House to make sure, when the Bill goes to committee, that we strengthen the legislation, that we get input from more than just the big business community and big business concerns and that we have some genuine competition legislation. Later on we should amend the Patent Act so that we can get farm chemicals and other products to ordinary Canadians at a price that is reasonable so that they can carry on their livelihood and make a contribution to this great country of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Gormley): It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 46, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the Hon. Member for York East (Mr. Redway)—Penitentiaries—recommended abolition of mandatory supervision release; the Hon. Member for Davenport (Mr. Caccia)—Environmental Affairs—Acid rain—United States' emissions. (b) Prime Minister's discussions with the United States President; the Hon. Member for Beaches (Mr. Young)—Child Care—funding of services. (b) request for additional funding.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

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MEASURE TO ENACT

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Côté that Bill C-91, an Act to establish the Competition Tribunal and to amend the Combines Investigation Act and the Bank Act and other Acts in consequence thereof, be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

Mr. Domm: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Hon. Member for Yorkton—Melville (Mr. Nystrom). Is the Hon. Member really convinced that there has not been consultation with the kinds of people the Hon. Member represents in his riding in Saskatchewan?

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Speaker, I am told by the Hon. Member for Winnipeg North that the Minister announced there was an advisory committee that included the five groups to which I referred. If that is the case, that is certainly not a wide enough consultation. Those five groups represent four big business

interests and the Canadian Bar Association. I do not think that is good enough.

I know that there are businesses in my riding that belong to the Chamber of Commerce, but there are many small businesses. When the Canadian Chamber of Commerce speaks, it usually speaks for bigger companies not for the small people in a place like Kamsack, Saskatchewan. I made the point made by the spokesman for my Party that the advisory council consisting of only four business groups and the Canadian Bar Association is not good enough.

Mr. Domm: Mr. Speaker, I think I should clear up the misconception that in the West and in the area of Saskatchewan and other prairie provinces as well as in British Columbia there was more than just correspondence in the form of consultation. I was part of a group, including the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Côté) who went to the western provinces and met with Ministers of Consumer and Commercial Relations in the provinces. I think they are well able and capable of speaking for consumers in the various provinces. We met with them, we discussed our intent as it pertains to competition legislation. We heard their input. If that is not good enough, I am sure the Hon. Member for Yorkton—Melville (Mr. Nystrom) will know someone in his area who is a member of the Canadian Federation of Independent Petroleum marketers, not big corporations but independent marketers across this country, and we had full consultation with them.

To add to that, there must be people in Saskatchewan who belong to organizations like the Canadian Federation of Labour. We had correspondence directly with its President. He had dialogued directly with officials within the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. It was at his urging in large measure that we incorporated into Bill C-91 the provision for the tribunal. He liked it.

I am sure the President represents a lot of labour in the province not only in Saskatchewan but in other provinces as well. There was consultation with organizations like the Canadian Federation of Independent Businessmen, one of the largest national organizations representing businesses doing less than \$2 million a year, and 100 representations were made to the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and the Minister directly so I fail to see that there has not been a broad range of consultation and a general consensus that this Bill is urgently needed. I have yet to hear from anyone who does not want the Bill to proceed to committee directly. If there is some fine tuning, that is the place to do it, not by taking up too much time in this House.

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Speaker, the Parliamentary Secretary mentioned the Canadian Federation of Labour. It is indeed very small in Saskatchewan. Most of our people are affiliated with the Canadian Labour Congress.

The Parliamentary Secretary was very careful to say that there was full consultation with all these groups by himself or the Minister, that there was correspondence with a whole