

of Group Captain Bauer who went over there two or three years ago to conduct research. I believe that Senator Molson financed a later trip. Anyway, he did a great deal of research. I have written to the Director of the National Film Board about that. They have not answered the points I made in detail. I think it is about time they appeared before a body to answer those questions and not just brush those things aside.

Hon. Charles McElman: Honourable senators, briefly and unusually in support of Senator Godfrey, I think that what we have to appreciate is that, yes, there is a great necessity for maintaining an arm's length relationship between the agencies of government and government itself in some cases. That does not apply in the same sense as between an agency of government and Parliament. Parliament has not only the right as the

supplier of agencies of government—and I use “supplier” in the context of financial support—but the obligation to act on occasion, when it is called for, as a brake upon the untoward activities of agencies of government.

I think this is a clear case where one of the icons of Canada, one of our great heroes, has been demeaned in a most outrageous fashion by an agency of government. It is an ideal situation for Parliament, not government, to send a signal to those people that there are some things that are not acceptable in this country, and one which is not acceptable is tearing down the reputation of a man such as Billy Bishop.

I support Senator Molson's motion.

On motion of Senator Doody, debate adjourned.

The Senate adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.
