

interests. The Ambassador maintains contact with leading Senators and members of the House of Representatives, particularly those having an interest in Canada.

In general, Canadian views about United States legislation affecting Canadian interests are made known to the Executive Branch through the State Department for consideration in formulating the Administration position on various pieces of legislation. At the same time, the separation of powers and responsibilities of the Legislative and Executive Branches of the Government of the United States lends particular importance to the following of activities of the Legislative Branch and their impact upon the direction of United States policy.

(vii) Canadian Consular Posts in the United States

Canada maintains Consulates-General in New York, Boston, New Orleans, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and Chicago, and Consulates in Philadelphia, Dallas, Detroit, Cleveland and San Juan, Puerto Rico. They provide normal consular services but their principal responsibilities are in the fields of trade promotion and information. The Consulate-General in New York, for example, maintains continuous contact with the investment community on Wall Street and with the headquarters of the principal news media. While these posts are not directly involved in relations between the Canadian and United States Governments, they perform essential representation functions vis-à-vis the State Governments and the administrations of the larger cities within their respective areas. They feed information to the Embassy and to the Department in Ottawa.

(viii) Channels of Communications with Ottawa

The physical channels of communication between Ottawa and Canadian personnel in Washington consist of telephone, telegraph, mail and courier services. There are fourteen telephone lines leased by the Government telephone agency for official use between Ottawa and Washington; eight of these are to the Chancery and six to Canadian Defence Liaison Staff Headquarters. For telegraph facilities, the Government has a leased duplex line (i.e., a line capable of both sending and receiving at the same time) to Washington and New York (the latter serving the Permanent Mission to the United Nations and the Consulate General). A courier service runs between the two capitals via New York three times a week.

4. INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES

There are, at present, nine interdepartmental committees connected directly and specifically with matters which are of bilateral interest between Canada and the United States. They are:

- (a) Interdepartmental Committee on International Bridges;
- (b) Interdepartmental Committee on Pacific Coast Transportation;
- ✓(c) Interdepartmental Committee on St. Lawrence Seaway Expansion;
- ✓(d) Advisory Group on St. Lawrence Seaway Tolls;