

him and then probably reports to the Governor in Council. Now if you change these words to "during good behaviour" in the way that the Chairman has suggested...

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): Does the theory of Cabinet solidarity come in here—if the Minister acts he acts for the Cabinet?

Senator MACDONALD: Yes, but if he is dismissed by the Minister, it is done by him and then the Cabinet always backs up what he does. But if it is on good behaviour he would take the proposal to the Cabinet and have it discussed by the Cabinet.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): Mr. Thorson says, as I understood him, that that is implied in the section now, namely that a dismissal would only be by the Governor in Council. Is that right?

Mr. THORSON: That is correct.

Senator MACDONALD: But not at a cabinet meeting. That is done by a subcommittee and goes through automatically.

Some SENATORS: No, no.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): Maybe the machinery is there to do it that way...

Senator MACDONALD: The machinery is quite different. But an Order in Council is passed on behalf of the entire cabinet.

Senator HAYDEN: Yes, it has to be on the recommendation of the cabinet.

Senator MACDONALD: If it is during pleasure, it is simply on the recommendation of the minister without any discussion; if a man is appointed on good behaviour, the cabinet considers the whole case, and he is in a much stronger position.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): I recognize the force of Senator Macdonald's argument, but there is another side to it. I would not want to see this section voted on now; I would like to think about it.

Senator KINLEY: After all, Mr. Chairman, the Government is only in power during the pleasure of the members of the House of Commons.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): Are all civil servants appointed during pleasure?

Senator BRUNT: They are appointed during pleasure.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): Including deputy ministers?

Mr. THORSON: Yes, that is correct.

Senator MACDONALD: In this case every one appointed under this bill is under good behaviour, and there are 26 of them.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): It seems to me the scheme of this is that, heretofore the Board of Governors of C.B.C. were appointed during good behaviour, and were removable for cause. Now, what they have done is gone further in the appointment of the Board of Broadcast Governors, and they are appointing during good behaviour for a period of time. This makes the appointment, which is semi-judicial in that the board is a regulatory body, more permanent and more untouchable. Then, coming to the operating end of C.B.C., provision has been made for appointment during pleasure, and because of inefficiency or some other reason, a man who is not satisfactory could be removed. In those circumstances they would be able to act more expeditiously.

It may seem that the Liberals are having a fight here, but I think there is something to be said for the efficiency of the C.B.C. The Government of the day—whatever Government it may be—should be able to say this president or this vice-president is not performing the way he should, and he should be removed. The only objection is that political considerations might be the guiding consideration in the event of a dismissal. Perhaps that is a chance we have to take, but I am not prepared to say at the moment.