

*Private Bills*

**Mr. Orange:** I was referring to construction which has taken place in northern Alberta by a company with the same name, Rainbow Pipe Line Company. This company wishes federal incorporation in order to continue construction, when the time comes, across the boundary into the Northwest Territories.

**Mr. Barnett:** Is there an existing company of the same name which is provincially incorporated?

**Mr. Orange:** That is so, yes.

**Mr. H. R. Ballard (Calgary South):** Mr. Speaker, Bill C-105 replaces Bill S-52 introduced in the other place. That bill subsequently received second reading in this house on April 25 of this year. It was referred to the standing committee on transport and communications where it remained to the end of last session.

When Bill S-52 was introduced in the other place the sponsor had this to say:

... the sponsors desire that it be made clear that this proposed federal pipe line, as is the case with the existing Alberta pipe line, will serve all producers in the area without discrimination. These lines will not be limited to the carriage of oil belonging to the four companies which are sponsoring this application.

It should be pointed out that the sponsors of this company, Mobil Oil Canada Limited, Imperial Oil Limited, Aquitaine Company of Canada and Banff Oil Limited, are desirous of being in a position to offer facilities for the transportation of oil to areas in the Northwest Territories north of the Alberta boundary as soon as sufficient production develops. As the hon. member for the Northwest Territories (Mr. Orange) has already indicated, it is suspected that the oil bearing formation apparent in Alberta follows a line straight through the Northwest Territories to the Arctic circle.

The bill now under consideration would provide for an extension into the Northwest Territories to serve anticipated production in that region. As pointed out by the hon. member, there is a pipe line which extends almost to the boundary of the Northwest Territories, owned, controlled and operated by a company with a similar name, although it is an Alberta incorporated company.

The company we are now considering would be ready to provide facilities if as and when the level of production warranted the extension of the pipe line now constructed in the Rainbow lake area of northern Alberta. This company would operate under the jurisdiction of the National Energy Board in the

same way as other oil and gas pipe line operators. A new feature has been added. This company requests the power and authority to do all the things that an oil exploration and development company would be expected to do, namely, to acquire and hold leases, prospect for oil and gas, drill for and produce oil, gas and related substances.

There are several aspects of this undertaking, including the one I just mentioned, which should be given careful consideration by this house. This would require too much time at this stage of the bill and I believe it can be given the thorough examination it deserves only in committee. We hope the committee on transport and communications will have the opportunity to examine this bill and, if it is thought necessary, to call and hear witnesses. We do not want to block this legislation because we realize that pipe lines are the life lines of the oil industry. However, the present bill not having been examined by the committee yet, we can only accept second reading at this time on division.

**Mr. Arnold Peters (Timiskaming):** Mr. Speaker, I have heard several pious remarks about the National Energy Board which I cannot accept. In fact, I would not let this bill pass until we agree to make certain decisions rather than leave them to be made by that august body.

As an aside let me state that I have an article in my hand which says that Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Limited has made a bid for a new pipe line route. They are only three years behind the time when the National Energy Board suggested they should do certain things. The National Energy Board was very slow in making that direction and the minister now finds himself in the embarrassing position of realizing that the remarks I made, with which he disagreed violently several months ago, are accurate. There is an expected delay of two or three years in the construction of the line in the United States. The line will eventually be built and probably all this will be just a matter of record.

**Mr. Pepin:** One has to be right once in a while if one always says no.

**Mr. Peters:** That sounds a bit like Russian roulette. I have been interested in this pipe line for some time and I agree with the hon. member for the Northwest Territories (Mr. Orange) that this is a very important venture which will have a great effect on the economy of the Northwest Territories and the oil industry in that area. I have sympathy for the