

ized expertise necessary properly to scrutinize the activities of a Crown corporation in a specific field.

Air Canada comes to mind again. Is it better that Air Canada should report to a committee on Crown corporations or that it should report to the transport committee? The CBC is another example. It is set up as a direct instrument of government policy. It was not that the government felt it was financially necessary to get into this area to rescue private broadcasters in some way, but, rather, that the government decided that the CBC would be a useful instrument in fostering Canadian culture in Canada. It recognized that it would be run at a loss and that there was a role for the state to play on a continuing basis. In my judgment, the policies and actions of the CBC are an integral part of broadcasting policy in Canada. If there were to be one central committee on Crown corporations, my hon. friend would have to ask himself whether it would be appropriate that the CBC, Air Canada and the other corporations report to that one committee or whether they should report to an appropriate standing committee, such as ones dealing with broadcasting, transportation and so on. But I should point out that while my hon. friend said he would like to move in that direction, the amendment he has put before the House today would not create a committee on Crown corporations. It makes reference to appropriate standing committees and would mean that Air Canada would continue to report to the Standing Committee on Transport, the CBC to the Communications and Culture Committee, and so on.

In sum, then, what we have is a proposal that Crown corporations would report on a regular basis to the appropriate standing committee. My friend has made a proposal which is imaginative and novel. I think there is some precedent for a parliamentary committee to strike a review committee which would report to it from time to time. I do not see it as the answer to the problem of the need for more accountability, nor do I necessarily feel it is desirable in some instances that Parliament should always be looking over the shoulders of the Crown corporations. A case in point is de Havilland. I am not sure that Parliament should be involved in the day to day activities of de Havilland. The real issue of concern to Parliament, first of all, is whether de Havilland should be well run and, second, whether it should be owned by the government or by the private sector. It is not an instrument of government policy.

If we had an appropriate Crown corporations omnibus bill, as was previously promised to us on numerous occasions by the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. Johnston) but which is now dead, then I would say that the proposal by my hon. friend might be far too restrictive. But in the absence of that legislation and other measures being taken by the government to enhance accountability to Parliament, I suggest that any measure proposed by hon. members of the House which would improve the accountability of Crown corporations to Parliament should be supported by hon. members of the House of Commons. Consequently, we are prepared to offer our support to the hon. member for his amendment.

Energy, Mines and Resources

Mr. Jarvis: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): All those in favour will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): In my opinion the nays have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): The Chair will now call in the members, not only with respect to the present amendment, but also with respect to motions Nos. 1 and 2 related to Bill C-102. Call in the members.

The House divided on the motion (Mr. Beatty), which was negated on the following division:

● (1610)

(Division No. 181)

YEAS

Messrs.

Althouse	Gilchrist	McKnight
Anguish	Greenaway	McMillan
Baker	Gustafson	McRae
(Nepean-Carleton)	Halliday	Mitchell
Beatty	Hamilton	(Mrs.)
Benjamin	(Qu'Appelle-Moose	Murphy
Blackburn	Mountain)	Murta
Blenkarn	Hargrave	Neil
Broadbent	Hawkes	Nickerson
Cardiff	Heap	Nystrom
Carney (Miss)	Hnatyshyn	Oberle
Clark	Hovdebo	Ogle
(Yellowhead)	Howie	Orlikow
Coates	Jarvis	Paproski
Cook	Jelinek	Riis
Corbett	Jewett (Miss)	Rose
Corbie	Keeper	Schellenberger
(St. John's West)	Kempling	Scott
Crosby	Kilgour	(Victoria-Haliburton)
(Halifax West)	Kristiansen	Siddon
Crouse	Kushner	Skelly
Deans	Lambert	Speyer
Dick	Lawrence	Stewart
Dinsdale	Lewis	Taylor
Domm	Lewycky	Thacker
Ellis	MacDonald	Thomson
Elzinga	(Miss)	Vankoughnet
Fennell	MacKay	Waddell
Fraser	Malone	Wenman
Fretz	Manly	Wise
Friesen	Mayer	Wright
Fulton	Mazankowski	Young
Gamble	McCain	Yurko—92.
Gass	McKinnon	