

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Minister, I see it is 11 o'clock, and I do not want to keep you here.

Hon. Mr. NOWLAN: It is much more pleasant here, I may say.

The CHAIRMAN: May I repeat on behalf of the committee how grateful we are to you for having come here and given us this time. I do not think we will need you again.

Hon. Mr. NOWLAN: Well, if you do, I shall be very glad to meet you again.

Mr. FINLAYSON: I also would like to express to him our gratitude for his consideration.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, does anybody wish to ask any further questions of Mr. Ouimet? I suggest that when we have finished with Mr. Ouimet we have no other witness and perhaps we should begin to take the bill clause by clause, so that any amendments that are suggested to any of the sections can be dealt with when we deal with the matter in that way.

Senator MACDONALD: I wonder if it would not be advisable to try to discuss section 22, regarding the appointments of the president and vice-president "during pleasure". The Minister, I understood, did not disagree with our suggestion; he said he would leave it to see if we could improve that section.

The CHAIRMAN: I am in the hands of the committee. Does the committee wish to deal first with section 22?

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): I think it would be a good thing if we could have from Mr. Thorson, if he has them, the names of the Crown companies to which this clause applies. Do you have the names of the Crown companies where the chief officers are appointed during pleasure?

Mr. THORSON: I do not have a list now. I might point out that I am not the draughtsman of this bill. But there are some Crown corporations where the directors are appointed during pleasure. The Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation is an example.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): Do you know what the term of the appointment is?

Mr. THORSON: No. I think it is stated to be—again, I would like to check—"during pleasure" without qualification as to duration.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): Do you know of any? Polymer, for example?

Mr. THORSON: I would want to check.

Senator MACDONALD: I would not think that a corporation like Polymer would be comparable to this. Why would it not be satisfactory to have a clause in this bill similar to the clause in the present C.B.C. act representing the appointment of Mr. Dunton? This is chapter 32, an Act respecting Broadcasting; interpretation clause 3. The Chairman—that is Mr. Dunton—holds office during good behaviour for a period of 10 years from the time of his designation as chairman, and the other Governors hold office during good behaviour for a period of 3 years; but the chairman and other Governors may be relieved for cause at any time by the Governor in Council. I think that that would be a great improvement over this.

Senator BRUNT: Here is the situation. What would you do if the president became insane? If you put "during pleasure" he would be there for 7 years.

Senator MACDONALD: That is "cause".

Senator BRUNT: Let us deal with the present section, the way it is worded. You could not have him removed if you took out the words "during pleasure".