

The CHAIRMAN: I think Senator Hayden's explanation is the probable reason,—that the Board of Governors is a regulatory body, and the C.B.C. is a managing commercial body,—to put it that way.

Senator MACDONALD: Would you not think that a managing commercial body should be required to meet, if they are all managers, more often than the managing body of a regulatory board? I would think it is just as essential, if not more so, that the management committee should be required to meet frequently. I am satisfied that they will meet; I have no doubt that they will meet; but why, in the first Part, they have to meet, and in the second Part you just assume they will meet, and also in the second Part you give them such wide powers, with this whole board of 11, to delegate its powers to a committee of three, and they carry on all the business, and the other 8 have nothing to do.

Senator BRUNT: Do you want it amended?

Senator MACDONALD: I do not want it amended.

Senator HAYDEN: There is nothing in the law of Ontario or, I presume, of Quebec which requires a board of directors to meet so many times a year. That is a matter of internal regulations.

Senator MACDONALD: I agree with you, but I cannot understand why it was done in the first Part and not in the second Part.

Senator HAYDEN: Well, I offered an explanation which, apparently, is not acceptable.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall 28 carry? These are substantially as in the present act, except that the regulatory feature removed. Is that correct?

Mr. THORSON: That is correct.

Senator BURCHILL: A word on supervision of broadcasting programs. I realize that a large number of them are provided by corporations and so on, but it seems to me that in the great majority of them there is an awful lot of pictures that one would not want children and youths to see. Is there any way of controlling that at all?

Mr. OUMET: There is not only a way of controlling it, but I thought we did control it. You would have to be more specific, senator, for me to be helpful on this. I would have to know what particular picture you have in mind.

Senator BURCHILL: I have not any. But every time I turn on a picture, a gun goes off.

Senator BRUNT: Westerns.

Senator BURCHILL: They are all westerns.

Mr. OUMET: I think the question you have raised is a controversial one, whether it is good or not for children to see certain western pictures. There may be some that go too far, but there are some that are acceptable, I am sure. This is quite a controversial question, and a difficult one to really air satisfactorily at a meeting such as this, although I would be very happy some time to have the privilege of discussing it with you.

Senator BURCHILL: Does the corporation have control over all this?

Mr. OUMET: The corporation has control over all the programs it originates itself. On the other hand, when we import programs made in the United States and take an American network feed—we have control over the series in the sense that we reviewed it at the beginning of the series but we have no control over the individual episodes, of any one series, except that, if something turns out to be really bad in the course of the series we could then take action.

Senator BRUNT: You could cut it off.