

THE SENATE

THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

EVIDENCE

THURSDAY, May 20, 1965.

The Standing Committee on Transport and Communications, to which was referred Bill S-5, respecting Great Northern Railway Company and Great Northern Pacific & Burlington Lines, Inc., met this day at 10.25 a.m.

Senator A. K. Hugessen in the Chair.

The committee agreed that a verbatim report be made of the committee's proceedings on the bill.

The committee agreed to report, recommending that authority be granted for the printing of 800 copies in English and 300 copies in French of the committee's proceedings on the bill.

The CHAIRMAN: With regard to Bill S-5, an act respecting Great Northern Railway Company and Great Northern Pacific & Burlington Lines, Inc., I have a report from our Law Clerk, Mr. Hopkins, addressed to me, dated May 7, stating:

In my opinion, this bill is in proper legal form and I have no suggestion to make for its amendment.

Honourable senators will also recall that at our meeting last week, when considering The Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Railway Company bill, we received a letter from counsel for the Department of Transport in which he dealt with both that bill and this Great Northern Railway bill. He said that in neither case did the Department of Transport nor the Minister of Transport have any suggestion to make or wish to be represented. So I think we can take it that the Department of Transport is satisfied so far as they are concerned.

The bill stands in the name of Senator Reid, who explained it on second reading. Unfortunately, Senator Reid cannot be here today as he had to go to Vancouver for a meeting of the International Pacific Salmon Fisheries Commission, but the bill is sponsored here today by Mr. George D. Finlayson, Q.C., Special Counsel, Mr. L. E. Torinus, General Counsel, and Mr. Peter G. Beattie, Parliamentary Agent. I understand Mr. Finlayson is the one who will explain the bill to us.

Mr. FINLAYSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN: Does the committee wish to hear Mr. Finlayson?

Hon. SENATORS: Yes.

Mr. George D. Finlayson, Q.C., Special Counsel: Mr. Chairman and honourable senators, I am appearing in support of Bill S-5 on behalf of its sponsors, which are the Great Northern Railway Company and Great Northern Pacific and Burlington Lines Inc. Perhaps I should explain to you what the overall purpose of the bill is.