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Transmission Line, which is going through the United States and back into southern Ontario, it would have had sufficient money from company operations to provide at least a portion of the money needed to construct this loop. There would have been no necessity to raise this capital. In looking over the statute setting up this company, I was interested to find that the company has some of the powers that were granted prior to the implementation of the National Energy Board Act. I note that clause 5 of the original act, which has not been changed, states:

The company shall have all the powers, privileges and immunities conferred by, and be subject to all the limitations, liabilities and provisions of any general legislation which is enacted by parliament relating to pipe lines for the transmission and transportation of gas or oil or any liquid or gaseous products or by-products thereof.

I believe a clause of this type would be advantageous in some other pipe line bills that we have. In so far as the provision in the bill which would enable Trans-Canada to establish its communications system is concerned, we note that the sponsor of the bill is prepared to make the amendment which will impose a limitation on this company's operations. This part of the company's operations will therefore come under the National Energy Board and be controlled by that board.

I think there is a great deal more that could be said about the company and its operations in the past, most of which would not be complimentary. However, I believe all Canadians are of the opinion that the looping of the pipe line should take place so that developments at the head of the lakes and in the Sault Ste. Marie area could take place as soon as possible. These facilities are needed in the area at the present time. I am sure all who are concerned with the twinning of this line, as it is commonly called, understand that a large amount of gas will be provided majority of the committee began to realize for southern Ontario.

With these comments, I am reluctantly of the opinion that, in the interests of the development of this company, the recapitalization should be undertaken as soon as possible. I express the hope the company will be successful in its endeavour to maintain Canadian ownership and Canadian control in this process of recapitalization.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 2 agreed to.

[Mr. Peters.]

On clause 3—1951 chapter 92, repeal.

Mr. Olson: I have an amendment to move in connection with clause 3. It would be amended as follows:

Clause 3 of Bill S-26, is amended by inserting the words:

"for the purpose of its underaking" in line 39 on page 3 immediately following the words "communications systems" and by inserting the same words in line 44 on page 3 immediately following the words "communication facilities".

• (6:10 p.m.)

The Chairman: Perhaps I should suggest to the committee that some member other than the member for Medicine Hat would have to move this amendment.

Mr. Reid: I will move it, Mr. Chairman.

Amendment agreed to.

The Chairman: Shall clause 3 as amended carry?

Mr. Germa: Mr. Chairman, I should like to ask the sponsor of the bill what is the intent of the slight change in wording in line 29, which reads:

—provided that the main pipe line or lines, either for the transmission and transportation of gas or oil—

And so on. The wording differs from that in the original act, which reads:

—provided that the main transportation of gas or oil shall be located entirely within Canada;—

Could the hon. member explain the reason for this change in wording in clause 3?

Mr. Olson: Mr. Chairman, I did not quite follow the hon. member. Which word or words have been changed? I have not found the previous wording at this moment.

Mr. Germa: Starting at line 29 with the word "provided", the wording in the original act was:

—provided that the main transportation of gas or oil shall be located entirely within Canada—

The clause now reads:

—provided that the main pipe line or lines, either for the transmission and transportation of gas or oil shall be located entirely within Canada—

The words "pipe line or lines" are not in the original wording of the act.

Mr. Olson: The only explanation I can give for that, Mr. Chairman, is that there is an undertaking by the company that the main pipe line or lines shall be in Canada. When this bill is passed and the company completes construction, this will be the case.