

That is the water supply for your family. All that is regulated down here. Paragraph (h) also deals with:

(v) the use and disposal of mineral waters for recreational and therapeutic purposes.

Paragraph (i) deals with:

the establishment, operation, maintenance and administration by the Department of the Interior of public works, and utility services and the use of same within the parks.

and so forth. Paragraph (k) prescribes:

the conditions under which any building, sign, placard, advertisement or other structure may be erected, the design and location of any such structure and the materials of which it may be constructed; the general maintenance and improvement of properties in the parks that have been leased; the defining of zones for residential buildings, business buildings or areas in which only buildings of fire proof or fire resisting construction may be erected;

(l) controlling trades, traffic, business, amusements, sports, occupations and other activities.

You cannot have a game of baseball unless Mr. Harkin says so, and he is in Ottawa three thousand miles away. Do you want to go out and do a little fishing? Oh no.

Mr. IRVINE: Get Mr. Harkin on the radio.

Mr. BENNETT: No, you cannot have a radio within the park unless they so decree. I ask if anyone thinks that is fair. I ask the Solicitor General how he would like to live in the park under those circumstances?

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): He would be delighted.

Mr. BENNETT: He would, so far as the climate is concerned, and so far as those unfettered conditions of nature are concerned, but when it gets down to the works of man, I wonder how he would like it. A change in the laws may be made here at Ottawa. It is printed in the Gazette, but how do the people there know about it? Surely we should have fifteen or thirty days' notice of any changes. I know men who have been charged with offences because of not knowing of the changes made. I would not take up the time of this committee if I did not feel so strongly about this. The minister knows the present conditions there; he knows the friction between his department and the citizens' council. I had a paper sent to me the other day which I read. They have definite views. The minister has other views because his officials here say so. He does his best to adjust the differences. But local rule, home rule, no sir! In the end these people are going to decide. I wonder if this committee realizes that last summer lessees who had been paying

rentals for years for their several pieces of land wanted to put up a few canvas tents for the purpose of housing themselves and their guests during the summer. Were they allowed to do so? Oh no. The picture was not good enough. It was not any interference with the state of nature that was objected to. No, it was the condition under which the tents were to be put up. I think this is an intolerable state of affairs. Once more I say I have no hope of being able to arouse sufficient interest in it here so that the house will take a strong stand against it, but I do not believe that in any country in the world enjoying representative institutions under the federal system would you be able to pass section 7. Imagine what it means.

Mr. STEVENS: Section 8 is worse.

Mr. BENNETT: Of course, as my hon. friend says, it is worse; but 7 is more comprehensive in its character.

Mr. STEWART (Edmonton): This is not the first occasion on which my hon. friend has taken exception to the regulations in vogue in the national parks, but he fails to inform the house that if we are to have national parks, and if they are to be preserved for the purposes pointed out in section 4, we must of necessity have some authority to enforce the regulations, or very soon there will be nothing to leave to future generations. If my hon. friend can work out a scheme by which he can have provincial authority in control of these park areas, and have this parliament vote large sums of money annually for the purpose of beautification and the care and maintenance of these parks, and put the minister and the park officials under the control of the provincial governments, then he will have accomplished a task that no one else has been able to work out.

Mr. BENNETT: If he gets a chance he will do it next year.

Mr. STEVENS: May I ask the minister a question at that point for the purpose of elucidation? I am one of those who are exceedingly anxious to do everything that is humanly possible to preserve our national parks for the people. That is the foundation of my approach to this question. As an illustration and basis for my question let me take Stanley park at Vancouver. It is a large area for a city park, I think 900 acres. It is leased by the Dominion government to the city of Vancouver. The city administers it subject to all the laws of the province. I appreciate the difficulty with respect to large areas.