

the Director of the Canada Council, the President of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, the Government Film Commissioner—all *ex officio*—and nine other members. The appointed members are to serve for three-year periods and may be reappointed for a further three-year period. The first appointments are staggered over two-year, three-year and four-year periods to provide a measure of continuity.

Provision is made for a Director, who is to be a full-time, salaried official and whose term of office is five years, but who is eligible for reappointment. The Director is to be the chief executive officer of the corporation with supervision over the direction of the work and staff of the corporation.

Clause 8 provides for the employment of other officers and employees as necessary.

Clause 9 I will give you in full in a moment for it is in a sense the heart of the bill.

Clauses 10, 11 and following are the usual formal clauses. Clause 10 provides for acquisition of property, capacity to accept gifts, to operate restaurants, lounges, parking facilities, etc., and to expend moneys appropriated by Parliament or received from its own operations.

Clause 11 provides for by-laws and for the establishment of committees, mainly advisory, and for the payment of travelling expenses and remuneration, on what I would imagine would be a per diem basis, for the members of the board who are not government officials but who serve in a voluntary capacity.

The corporation is not to be an agent of Her Majesty, save as set out in clause 13. That is to the effect that the Director, officers and employees are deemed to be employed in the Public Service for the purposes of the Public Service Superannuation Act and for the purposes of the Government Employees Compensation Act and any regulation made pursuant to section 5 of the Aeronautics Act, which I have learned on inquiry provides for protection for the individuals, officers or others, connected with the corporation when travelling on airplanes on matters of business affecting or growing out of the work of the corporation.

The corporation is to be recognized as a charitable organization. Its accounts and financial transactions are to be audited annually by the Auditor General, who will report to the chairman of the board. The chairman of the board, in turn, is to submit a report within three months of the termination of

each fiscal year to the appropriate minister and include in his report the financial statement of the corporation and the report of the Auditor General thereon. The minister, in turn, shall cause the report to be laid before Parliament within 15 days of the receipt thereof, or, if Parliament is not sitting, within the 15 days next thereafter that Parliament is sitting.

I said a moment ago that section 9, which gives the objects and powers of the corporation, is important, and I would like to read it to you.

(1) The objects of the Corporation are to operate and maintain the Centre, to develop the performing arts in the National Capital region and to assist the Canada Council in the development of the performing arts elsewhere in Canada.

(2) In furtherance of its objects, but without limiting the generality of subsection (1), the Corporation may

(a) arrange for and sponsor performing arts activities at the Centre;

(b) encourage and assist in the development of performing arts companies resident at the Centre;

(c) arrange for or sponsor radio and television broadcasts from the Centre and the showing of films in the Centre;

(d) provide accommodation at the Centre, on such terms and conditions as the Corporation may fix, for national and local organizations whose objects include the development and encouragement of the performing arts in Canada; and

(e) at the request of the Government of Canada or the Canada Council, arrange for performances elsewhere in Canada by performing arts companies, whether resident or non-resident in Canada, and arrange for performances outside Canada by performing arts companies resident in Canada.

These, honourable senators are the principal purposes of this bill, and what I have said is a brief statement on and explanation of the bill itself. On this basis, I would propose and so move, seconded by Senator Davey, that the bill be now read the second time.

Hon. Donald Cameron: Honourable senators, first of all I would like to compliment my colleague Senator MacKenzie on his complete and excellent exposition of this bill. I merely wish to make a few remarks pertaining particularly to sections 6 and 7.