

Hon. Mr. NOWLAN: That is why we have "terms and conditions" in there. We do not know what the situation will be five years hence. We want to avoid the control of Canadian radio getting into the hands of corporations which are non-Canadian.

The CHAIRMAN: Would Mr. Thorson read the amendment again?

Hon. Mr. NOWLAN: This amendment is only roughly scribbled out, and this committee can make any changes it wishes within the general framework. You know what our policy is, and I am sure you will all agree with it 100 per cent. It is to protect Canadian radio, to make sure that it is Canadian, and yet to safeguard against existing stations, and have an adjustable arrangement for the future.

The CHAIRMAN: Will you read that again?

Mr. THORSON: The new subsection 2 would be somewhat as follows:

The Governor in Council may exempt from the operation of this section any person who, upon the coming into force of this act, was the holder of a valid and subsisting licence, subject to such terms and conditions as the Governor in Council may prescribe.

The reference to "any person who upon the coming into force of this act was the holder of a valid and subsisting licence" is, of course, to protect persons who today are licencees.

The CHAIRMAN: I think we are agreed on the principle. The Minister has made this statement; and perhaps we can polish up the amendment, if it needs to be polished up, later on.

Hon. Mr. NOWLAN: I can assure you that the Governor in Council will give exemption permits to all existing stations. We never had any intention of doing otherwise.

Senator BRUNT: That is satisfactory.

Senator MACDONALD: I was wondering if we could ask any more questions while the Minister is here.

Mr. FINLAYSON: Providing that a person is a corporation, it seems to me to cover the point; because we have two points: one was to protect existing licences for the foreseeable future, and also to preserve our right to apply for further licences. As I understand the language, these two points seem to be met. If they are met, it is very satisfactory.

The CHAIRMAN: That puts on you the onus to apply to the Governor in Council from section 14, and you have the Minister's assurance that the Government does not intend to interfere with the present rights of existing stations.

Mr. FINLAYSON: As I understand it, under existing circumstances we apply to the Minister of Transport formally for a licence, that goes to the C.B.C., or now to the new Board of Broadcast Governors for consideration. Would this mean that we would have to make another application to the Governor in Council or will this process be automatic?

The CHAIRMAN: I take it that it would not be necessary to make a separate application.

Mr. FINLAYSON: We would presumably in this application make reference to this section so that our peculiar situation will be keyed in. If that is clearly understood it would be entirely satisfactory in our situation.

Senator BRUNT: I think the Minister has been more than fair. I am quite satisfied. It has straightened this situation out.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): Are there any other representatives who might be caught on section 14, in a list?

Hon. Mr. NOWLAN: I think we have a list of all these, and my undertaking applies to all of them, whether they are represented here or not.