

Private Bills

that both of these bills be referred to the committee of the whole on the one motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

INDEPENDENT PIPE LINE COMPANY—CHAMPION PIPE LINE CORPORATION LIMITED

Mr. J. W. Welbourn (Jasper-Edson) moved that the house go into committee to consider Bill No. 269, to incorporate Independent Pipe Line Company, and Bill No. 321, to incorporate Champion Pipe Line Corporation Limited.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Beaudoin in the chair.

The Deputy Chairman: First we shall consider Bill 269.

On section 1—*Incorporation.*

Mr. Green: Mr. Chairman, when this bill was before the committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines, the sponsor called various persons interested in the proposed company, including an engineer and financial authority. I believe the members of the committee generally were satisfied that the project is very much worth while. This group plan to pipe oil, as distinguished from gas, from west of the Edmonton area down through the Yellowhead pass to Kamloops, thence to Merritt and through the Coquihalla pass to Hope, and on to the vicinity of greater Vancouver. The committee was informed that at the present time there are only about 50,000 barrels of oil per day available in Alberta for shipment to the west, the balance of the production being required for shipment through the pipe line to the east and for local consumption on the prairies.

I believe the fact that there are only 50,000 barrels available for a west coast line is very significant. The market in Vancouver and surrounding area can absorb about 35,000 barrels per day. There would be a very small amount of oil left over for export to the United States, for storage purposes or for use in some other way. The point is that if this line were going through the United States first, obviously there would be no oil left over for the Canadian Pacific coast.

Personally, as a member from a British Columbia riding, I am strongly in favour of this bill. I believe that the applicants are putting forward a very worth-while proposition. They are committed to build their main line entirely within Canada, which of course is what we have been asking throughout the debates which have taken place in the last two or three years. There was one small amendment made to the bill in committee, and I would ask, Mr. Chairman, to have that read to us when we reach that particular section.

Section agreed to.

Sections 2 and 3 agreed to.

On section 4—*Head office and other offices.*

The Deputy Chairman: The amendment which has been proposed to this bill is to section 4, subsection 2. The amended subsection will read as follows:

The company may, by by-law, change the place within Canada where the head office of the company is to be situate.

Shall the section as amended carry?

Section agreed to.

Sections 5 to 11 inclusive agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

The Deputy Chairman: We shall now consider Bill No. 321, an act to incorporate the Champion Pipe Line Corporation Limited. An amendment has also been moved to clause 4 of this bill, and the amendment is the same as the one we considered in the previous bill. Section 4, subsection 2, has been amended by adding the words "within Canada" after the word "place" in the first line. It now reads as follows:

The company may, by by-law, change the place within Canada where the head office of the company is to be situate.

On section 1—*Incorporation.*

Mr. Green: This bill also received the unanimous consent of the members of the committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines. One significant feature about the plans of this group should be pointed out, and that is that they propose to build a natural gas pipe line from southern Alberta to the Pacific coast by an all-Canadian route. They are prepared to build that line through southern British Columbia, over a route which they say is feasible, although last year other groups who were planning to go through the United States to the Pacific coast took the position that it would not be practicable to build a gas line through British Columbia. This year we have a group of responsible Canadian coming before the committee on railways, canals and telegraph lines and stating that they believe it is a feasible and financially sound proposition to build this gas line from southern Alberta through the southern portion of British Columbia to Vancouver. Any surplus gas would be sold to the United States, and no one has any objection to that, provided of course that Canadian needs have first been met.

I believe that the applicants for this charter are genuinely committed to building a