

**Hon. Mr. Gillespie:** Senator Smith, it has not been determined at the present time.

**Senator Smith (Colchester):** I do not want to be picayune about this, but I asked if it had been considered, and if so, at what level. I did not ask if it had been determined.

**Hon. Mr. Gillespie:** Yes, it has been considered. No decision has been made. In the case of the previous incumbent, the salary level was around that of an SX-3.

**The Chairman:** Shall clause 4 carry?

**Hon. Senators:** Carried.

**The Chairman:** Shall clause 5 carry?

**Senator Grosart:** Clause 5(3)(b), reads, in part, as follows:

—and the Board may, subject to any provisions relating to privileged information, obtain the advice and assistance of any department or agency of the Government of Canada.

I would like to ask what provisions are referred to which would restrict other departments from disclosing what is called here "privileged information," and I would like to know particularly whether it refers to the Department of National Revenue.

**Senator Flynn:** Or the Official Secrets Act?

**Hon. Mr. Gillespie:** Senator Grosart, I am advised that there are provisions relating to privileged information in a number of acts, including the Petroleum Corporations Monitoring Act, the Income Tax Act, the Statistics Act, CALURA and the Petroleum Administration Act, Part IV, or mainly Part IV.

**The Chairman:** Shall clause 5 carry?

**Hon. Senators:** Carried.

**The Chairman:** Shall clause 6 carry?

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**Senator Smith (Colchester):** Madam Chairman, before that clause is carried, I wonder if the minister could tell us whether the location of the head office of the board has yet been considered and, if so, where is it likely to be in terms of the exact words that are contained in the clause?

**Hon. Mr. Gillespie:** Clause 6(1) states, Senator Smith:

The head office of the Board shall be in the National Capital Region—

**Senator Smith (Colchester):** Yes, I know that. With all respect, and without wishing in any way to be unpleasant, I am really capable of reading the clause myself. What I am asking is whether the exact location within the National Capital Region has been considered and, if so, where is it likely to be?

**Hon. Mr. Gillespie:** I cannot give you any precise information. It may be that it will be in offices in my own building on Booth Street, but that is something which I would not want to be bound by.

**Senator Phillips:** Would the minister consider locating the offices in one of the number of vacant buildings for which the federal government is still paying rent?

**Hon. Mr. Gillespie:** We will certainly take that representation under consideration.

**The Chairman:** Shall clause 6 carry?

**Hon. Senators:** Carried.

**The Chairman:** Shall clause 7 carry?

**Hon. Senators:** Carried.

**The Chairman:** Shall clause 8 carry?

**Senator Grosart:** Would the minister care to make this clause a little clearer than it is to me on reading this clause and clause 5? What is the status of the various employees of the board, including the members of the board? Clause 8(3) says:

Persons engaged by the Board . . . shall be deemed not to form part of the Public Service for the purposes of section 11 and 13 of the Public Service Employment Act.

If we refer to clause 5, we find these persons described as "persons . . . to act as agents of the Board." Agency, as I understand it, is a very specific type of relationship. Would the minister just give us a rundown on the status of the various people who will be in one way or another administering the act?

**Hon. Mr. Gillespie:** Senator Grosart, I will do my best to provide an answer to your question. I gather it is bound up in the policy of the Public Service Commission and the issues of technical questions and technical competence.

Clause 5, and more particularly subclause (2), deals with the powers. It states:

The Board may engage on a temporary basis the services of persons having technical or specialized knowledge to act as agents of the Board in administering the allocation of any controlled product and to advise and assist the Board—

et cetera.

Subclause 8(3) is concerned with that aspect of temporary employment not to be considered as public service in the normal course of events.

**The Chairman:** Shall clause 8 carry?

**Hon. Senators:** Carried.

**The Chairman:** Shall clause 9 carry?

**Senator Roblin:** Madam Chairman, I have some observations to make with respect to clause 9, with particular reference to subclause (2), because this bill conveys very large powers indeed to the board which it establishes.

As members of this committee know, the regulating power of the Governor in Council over the board is set out in clause 16(s), and it is one of the most sweeping powers of delegation that I have ever had the opportunity to see. I should like to read it in case anyone has forgotten it. Referring to the powers of regulation, this subclause states:

respecting such other matters or things, whether or not of a like kind to those referred to in paragraphs (a) to (r)—