

## EVIDENCE

FRIDAY, April 2, 1954,

10.30 A.M.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, will you please come to order.

We have before us the following bills: No. 325, D 10 of the Senate, an Act to authorize Niagara Gas Transmission Limited to construct, own and operate an extra-provincial pipeline; and bill No. 389, S 11 of the Senate, an Act respecting Trans-Canada Pipe Lines Limited. Mr. Decore is agent for Mr. Ross Talmie.

Is it the wish of the committee to take these bills together?

Mr. DECORE: I think that it is to our advantage that these bills be heard together. We can proceed, possibly, with the first bill, the Niagara Gas Transmission Limited and I think the two will tie in together and that the evidence should be taken at the same time in connection with both bills.

The CHAIRMAN: Does the preamble carry?

Mr. DECORE: In which bill?

The CHAIRMAN: 325.

Mr. GREEN: I think that Mr. Decore's idea is very sound. These two bills obviously affect the whole principle of Trans-Canada Pipe Lines, and I suggest that we proceed to hear evidence before we carry any part of any bill.

Mr. DECORE: If I may make the suggestion, possibly we can call the parliamentary agent for the first bill, the Niagara Gas Transmission Limited, Mr. R. C. Merriam, who might very briefly explain the nature of the bill, the witnesses who will appear, and the evidence he has to present.

Mr. R. C. MERRIAM: Mr. Chairman, and gentlemen of the committee, it is true we are acting as parliamentary agents and are fairly well aware of the general picture, but Mr. Palmer, Q.C. of Toronto, who is the company's solicitor is in this committee room and is very much more versed in the overall picture than we are. I would suggest that possibly Mr. Palmer would be better qualified to explain the bill to the members of the committee, and we also have Mr. Tucker, vice president, to answer any questions which the committee might like to ask.

The CHAIRMAN: Perhaps Mr. Palmer would come up and answer any questions.

**Mr. K. B. Palmer, Q.C., counsel for Niagara Gas Transmission Limited, called:**

The WITNESS: Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, Niagara Gas Transmission Limited is an Ontario company that was formed in September of 1952 to build a pipe line from the international boundary in the Niagara river to the city of Toronto for the transportation of gas to be obtained from Texas and Louisiana. Contracts have been entered into with producers in the United States, and arrangements made with Tennessee Gas and Transmission Company, for the transportation of the gas. In the meantime, as you know, in December of last year the Pipe Lines Act was amended to require