

To build up a Canadian source of raw materials, the Government will carry out its own prospecting and development program, and will encourage private prospecting, even though all the materials related to the production and use of atomic energy are to be under Government control at all stages.

Thus, the Bill will provide means for continuing the important developments that have placed Canada in the forefront of wartime developments in the field of atomic energy, as well as means for furthering and encouraging research and development in the peacetime application of atomic energy. The Bill will provide also an appropriate legislative basis, both for the domestic control of this highly dangerous substance, and for international measures which will need to be concerted by the United Nations Commission.

All Honourable Members will agree with regard to the need for legislation of the kind outlined in the resolution, as a means of bringing under control a newly discovered force of nature that promises great benefits to mankind when applied to peacetime uses, but which has great destructive potentials to mankind unless developed under strict Government control. There can be no lack of agreement with regard to the objectives of the Bill, and I feel that there will be general acceptance of its provisions.