

Penitentiaries Committee

company is incorporated to engage in a mining venture, a logging venture, a manufacturing industry or any other form of business, it is incorporated under a law that sets out the criteria as to how that company will operate and what it shall do and shall not do in order to serve the public good. But here in parliament we have no such rules or criteria as to what a body such as this shall or shall not do in order to serve the public good to the best advantage. That is the point I am making. We have to approach it in our own way or not approach it at all.

As a matter of fact, I submit that approaching it in our own way is a most unsatisfactory way to pass statute law for the incorporation of companies because we are doing it on the basis of what each member of parliament happens to think is the best way to do it.

The hon. member for Rosthern should know this, having listened to what I said on second reading and on the first clause of the bill a little while ago. I am advocating that we get this sort of business out of parliament so that we do not have to do it here.

The Chairman: Order. There may be a good deal of merit in what the hon. member for Skeena has been saying but his objection is not against the bill now before us. His objection happens to be against the Companies Act or any other legislation which allows the bill to be put before us in this way. Right now it is not the method of passing legislation that is in question. What is before the committee is this Bill No. S-7. The method of passing the legislation is a subject quite different from clause 1, which is what we are discussing.

Mr. Howard: I could not agree with you more, Mr. Chairman. I have refrained from transgressing against your original ruling, but I was inveigled by the hon. member for Rosthern into explaining my position and that is what I was trying to do.

Clause agreed to.

Clause 2 to 18 inclusive agreed to.

Preamble agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: When shall the said bill be read a third time? By leave, now?

Some hon. Members: Now.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Mr. McIlraith, seconded by Mr. Benson, moves that the said bill be now read a third time and do pass. Is it the pleasure of the house to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether it is a good thing to have ministers of the Crown on the record as having moved and seconded a private member's bill. I think there should be unanimous consent to have that changed to the name of the hon. member sponsoring the bill and the name of another private member.

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Howard: You can use my name.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I did not hear the suggestion of the hon. member for Skeena.

Mr. Howard: I just said I would be glad either to move or second the motion.

Mr. Stefanson: I will move the motion.

Mr. McIlraith: Mr. Speaker, perhaps I was not heard just a few moments ago. The moving and seconding of the motion on the private member's bill was indicated as having been done by two ministers of the Crown. That was done inadvertently. In order not to establish a precedent which might cause difficulty in the future the names of two private members should be substituted for them. I believe there is unanimous agreement.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I recognize this was done inadvertently. I do not know whether I had better apologize to the two ministers of the Crown or to the two private members involved, but may I ask for unanimous consent of the house to have the names changed to the hon. member for Selkirk (Mr. Stefanson) and the hon. member for Moose Mountain (Mr. Southam)?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to and bill read the third time and passed.

• (7:00 p.m.)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. The house will now resume the business interrupted at six o'clock.

PENITENTIARIES

APPOINTMENT OF JOINT COMMITTEE

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General) moved:

That a joint committee of the Senate and House of Commons be appointed to consider the state of