

The CHAIRMAN: This is an important section.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): I wonder whether some of the officials might say what is a public broadcasting station and what is a private broadcasting station?

The CHAIRMAN: Could Mr. Ouimet enlighten us on this?

Mr. OUIMET: The use of the words "public" and "private" in the past has been to distinguish between the C.B.C. stations, which are publicly-owned, and the privately-owned stations.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): Should the words "publicly-owned" and "privately-owned" be substituted?

Senator BRUNT: It would make it a little clearer.

Senator HAYDEN: Yes, because if you have a broadcasting company whose shares are widely held by members of the public, it is what we would call a public company.

Mr. THORSON: That is true but that is a different use of the words. I believe this is an expression that appears in the Radio Act, and in the regulations under the Radio Act. The words "private broadcasting station" have a well-accepted meaning.

The CHAIRMAN: You say that these expressions are defined in the Radio Act?

Mr. THORSON: The expressions are used, I believe, in the Radio Act.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): Are they defined there or just used in this way, Mr. Thorson?

Mr. THORSON: May I check on that?

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): I wouldn't want to hold the committee up on this.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall we let section 10 stand for the moment?

Hon. SENATORS: Agreed.

Section 10 stands.

On Section 11: Regulations.

Section 11 agreed to.

On Section 12: Licences.

Section 12 agreed to.

On Section 13: Networks.

Senator MACDONALD: I think we should read this section very carefully.

The CHAIRMAN: Then we will deal with it by subsections. Subsection (1) reads:

If pursuant to section 12 the Board recommends that a licence be issued, it may also recommend that the licence be issued subject to the condition that the licensee shall operate the broadcasting station to which the licence relates as part of a network operated by the Corporation, and, in such case, if the licence is issued, it shall be issued subject to such condition.

Subsection (1) agreed to.

On subsection (2): Subsequent Affiliation.

Subsection (2) agreed to.

Senator MACDONALD: Excuse me but I am not clear as to subsection (1). Under that section can a licence be issued for a network connected with an American network?

Mr. OUIMET: There is nothing that says that authority could not be given for such a situation.