

Canadians the many significant contributions they have made throughout history from the discovery of this country by Giovanni Caboto to the present day.

He took that plea to the president of the CBC, Al Johnson, and of course received nothing in the way of the kind of programming that was required to rectify the horrible impression that had been fixed in the minds of some as a consequence of irresponsible programming by the network owned by the Government of Canada.

I communicated with Senator Peter Bosa upon receiving that press release of his, and I suggested to him that it would be most appropriate for the CBC to stage a series of programs dealing with the substantial contribution that had been made to Canadian life by Canadians of Italian heritage.

Perhaps the greatest injustice that has been perpetrated on the whole nation, however, arose recently in connection with the position taken by the CBC as it dealt with the referendum debate in the province of Quebec, and this matter of course has occupied the attention of the Postmaster General (Mr. Ouellet) who recognized fully that in the course of balanced broadcasting it is not appropriate to balance one's judgment of the well-being of Canada against a desire to help a force which has, as its prime motive, the destruction of the entire nation, and yet that is exactly what occurred.

On April 13, 1980, Al Johnson, the president of the CBC, had occasion to make a speech to the Canadian Daily Newspaper Publishers Association. He was questioned about the odd situation that seemed to prevail in connection with the delivery of certain material within the province of Quebec disclosing some of the merits of separation from this nation as advocated by a government in that province dedicated to that separation. He said:

It is not for us in the CBC to use our position as the nation's broadcaster to seek to tilt the balance in the solemn decision Quebecers are being called upon to make . . . so as ourselves to influence the results of the referendum, or so as ourselves to permit an undue influence to be brought to bear through the use of the airwaves entrusted to us.

What the short-minded president of the CBC has failed to do is to recognize that under the Broadcasting Act of 1968 the CBC has an obligation to provide a continuing expression of Canadian identity and to contribute to the development of national unity. How one does that by, at the same time, promoting separatism, is something that is completely beyond me.

I believe that further grants to this Crown corporation should be given the closest scrutiny in the House and that unless the CBC can in fact adhere to its mandate and speak as the national body for the benefit of all Canadians, it should cease to enjoy its privileged place in Canadian society.

**Mr. Robert Daudlin (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. Prior to your putting the question, I wonder if I might advise you, sir, and seek the consent of the House, that once the question is put the House then go to Committee of the Whole. It is my understanding that there has been some understanding among all members of the House to this effect.

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So I would ask that you seek that consent and that, following the question, the House go into Committee of the Whole.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is the House ready for the question?

**Some hon. Members:** Question!

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the House went into committee thereon, Mr. Francis in the chair.

Clauses 2 to 31 inclusive agreed to.

On clause 32—

**Mr. Daudlin:** Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment to clause 32, which reads as follows:

That clause 32 be amended by adding thereto, immediately following line 44 on page 15, the following clause:

"All expenditures made under sections 22 to 31 and all revenues spent under those sections shall be subject to such terms and conditions as the Treasury Board may specify."

● (2130)

This motion to add a new clause 32 is required to provide greater certainty that all authorizations for the revolving fund are subject to any terms and conditions which may be approved by Treasury Board. Most legal advisers and other financial experts consider that the Treasury Board may already have this authority under section 5 of the Financial Administration Act. However, in past years some appropriation acts contained the specific phrase "subject to the terms and conditions as prescribed by the Treasury Board", while others did not contain that wording. It is in order to add clarity and to eliminate the possibility of uncertainty that we are making this particular amendment.

**Mr. Clarke:** Mr. Chairman, I listened to the parliamentary secretary and his explanation of the need for this amendment, but I wanted to ask the minister if he could explain. I understand the expenditures made, but how can revenues be spent under the same amendment when we are having expenditures made and revenues spent? I mean, it sounds like a fiddle, and I want to know if the President of the Treasury Board could explain that.

**Mr. Johnston:** Mr. Chairman, the explanation is that under a revolving fund, as the hon. member for Vancouver Quadra knows, revenues can be earned within the fund. That accounts for the two terms being used—expenditures made under the fund and revenues spent, which are revenues earned within the fund and then spent.

**The Deputy Chairman:** Shall the amendment carry?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

Amendment agreed to.

**The Deputy Chairman:** Shall clause 32, as amended, carry?