

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): Is it not implied that the Government would not act without cause? I am not arguing for this Government or any other Government.

Senator MACDONALD: If he is appointed during good behaviour, then it follows that he cannot be dismissed without cause. I think you would agree with me on that.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): We might not finish this bill this morning, and I would suggest we might leave it.

Senator ASELTINE: I think the Minister should be consulted about this first.

Senator MACDONALD: I do not think he would want to be consulted again on this matter. He had an open mind on it and it occurred to me that he wants to get away from any political implications and wants it set forth quite clearly in the bill that the C.B.C. is completely independent of the Government.

Senator ASELTINE: The Minister said he would be glad to come back at any time. I do not think we should go too far with this before we consult him again.

Senator MACDONALD: Why do we not propose an amendment and let him see it instead of bringing him back?

Senator ASELTINE: We have not got any amendment yet.

The CHAIRMAN: Is this the committee's mind about this, dealing with page 9, section 22, subsection 2 line 6, that we remove the word "pleasure" and substitute the words "good behaviour", and in subsection 4 we add to line 22 the wording which Mr. Thorson suggested. Mr. Thorson would you read that again.

Mr. THORSON: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Commencing with the comma in line 19 just continue on with these words, "and may be removed at any time by the Governor General on address of the Senate and House of Commons or, in the case of the President or Vice-President, by the Governor General."

The CHAIRMAN: The only point there is whether we insert the words "for cause". What is the mind of the committee on that?

Senator HAYDEN: Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that the President and Vice-President are so intimately tied into the operations that making it more difficult to remove them is not providing good machinery for the operation of the C.B.C. on a businesslike basis.

The CHAIRMAN: You oppose the amendment, Senator Hayden, do you? You feel the clause should stand as it is?

Senator HAYDEN: I think so.

The CHAIRMAN: Has the committee got in mind the two alternative suggestions as to whether the clause should stay as it is or whether it should be amended along the lines we have just discussed?

Senator MACDONALD: The difficulty is if we leave this clause the way it is the President and Vice-President are under the direct control of the Minister in charge of this corporation, which, I am satisfied, is a mistake. I think that in a bill of this type where the President or Vice-President are heading an organization which has such a close relationship with the public generally—

Senator McDONALD (*Kings*): It affects so many people.

Senator MACDONALD: It affects the whole population of Canada.

Senator KINLEY: Well, I would say that that works both ways.

Senator McDONALD: In view of that I feel he should be away from the control of one Minister.

Senator HAYDEN: Then make it, by Governor in Council.

Senator MACDONALD: That is what I wanted to do.