

to provide legislation, the Federal Government would have to maintain an active interest in international bridges. It would therefore seem that both levels of government must have some input. If individual bridge authorities were to be favoured by the Federal Government, the participation of Ontario nominees would seem to be the best way of achieving provincial involvement, but the province is already represented on a number of the existing authorities and obviously finds this inadequate. Certainly, in terms of the planning process, membership, in existing authorities would be of little value to the province.

Since, as indicated earlier, the balance of evidence appears to favour an overall authority, the question is then centered on the best method of achieving provincial involvement while maintaining Federal supremacy in the international bridge field. The solution proposed by the Government of Ontario is a joint Federal/Provincial authority operating independently except in those cases where economic viability would be open to question and social need would be the prime consideration. From the Federal point of view, however, the proposed authority has little to commend it in its present form. The national interest inherent in international bridge matters and the foreign policy implications of bridge activities suggest that the Federal Government should maintain an active role in the international bridge field, and the ability to do this would be diminished if a quasi-independent authority were to be set up. In those areas where the Ontario proposal would restrict the independence of the authority, namely non-economic^{ally}/viable projects, there could be problems of control, since the authority would be responsible to two governments and the usual problems of trying to serve two masters would appear. It is also open to question whether the degree of independence envisaged by Ontario is politically desirable. Decisions which are logical in economic and technical terms may not be acceptable in political or social terms, and therefore almost any decision of the authority ought