

to the Senate Chamber today, the 8th June, at 5.45 p.m. for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to a certain bill.

I have the honour to be,
sir,

Your obedient servant,
A. G. Cherrier

Assistant Secretary to the Governor-General.

A message was delivered by Lieutenant Colonel A. Fortier, Assistant Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Mr. Speaker, the Honourable the Deputy Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable house in the chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the house went up to the Senate chamber.

● (6:00 p.m.)

And being returned:

Mr. Speaker informed the house that the Deputy Governor General had been pleased to give, in Her Majesty's name, the royal assent to the following bill:

An Act to amend the Immigration Act.

Mr. Speaker: It being six o'clock the house will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, notices of motions (papers), private bills and public bills.

PRIVATE BILLS

RAINBOW PIPE LINE CORPORATION

Mr. R. J. Orange (Northwest Territories) moved the second reading of Bill No. C-105, to incorporate Rainbow Pipe Line Corporation.

● (6:10 p.m.)

He said: Mr. Speaker, in introducing this private bill before the House of Commons I hope to bring out one very significant point; that, northern Canada is starting to show that the faith the rest of Canada has placed in the north will bring about the rewards many of us have hoped for and have anticipated in the past. The area in which Rainbow Pipe Line Corporation intends to build is an area in which there has been intensive seismographic and geographic work in the past two or three years. The Rainbow field, which has now proven to be a major oil field in northern Alberta, extends into the southern part of the Northwest Territories and it is believed that possibly 15 to 20 per cent of the field is located there. I had the privilege to fly over the area very briefly last Saturday and from

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a height of 5,000 to 6,000 feet, with all the exploration which has taken place in this area, it reminded me of flying over a city because of the seismic lines running in all directions.

The effect of the bill before us is that the applicants request through parliament incorporation of Rainbow Pipe Line Corporation to operate in the Northwest Territories. However, the bill would not give the company any special rights to build a new pipe line or any priority or special status before the National Energy Board. It would merely give the applicants an opportunity to present their case before the National Energy Board which they, as producers and developers in the area, are legitimately entitled to do.

This company has already built almost 500 miles of pipe line to connect the far northern Alberta fields with the main pipe line systems of the country. By the passage of the National Energy Board Act parliament has already established an independent tribunal to determine, first, whether the building of a pipe line is justified and, second, which company should build it. When the time comes for the company to make its proposal to the National Energy Board, other applicants will have an opportunity to state their case and if there are objections these may be stated at that time.

The experience of the past few years has demonstrated that the inquiries and hearings of the National Energy Board are most carefully conducted. All the applicants in this case wish is the opportunity to apply to the board at the earliest possible time for permission to build a pipe line. The applicants see the necessity for considerable urgency in getting the bill through. They wish to make clear the construction can only commence in the winter months.

It is the hope of those of us who live in the north and who watch economic developments with great anticipation that significant oil deposits will be determined in the area and that construction can get under way as quickly as possible. When one considers the terrain of northern Canada one realizes that construction work can be undertaken only in the winter months when the ground is frozen. The application before the National Energy Board, the hearings which the board will conduct if there should be a contest, and the preparation of the decision of the board will take many months. If oil should be found it would appear to be in the public interest that