

*The Rainmaking Act*

member for Timiskaming (M. Peters), namely Bill C-24 there is the following comment:

Following the advent of rainmaking equipment and its commercial use which may infringe on the rights of others; it appears that control licensing and regulations must be adapted to protect the public and make possible the payment of compensation where damage is deemed to result from such use.

I think that the hon. member for Timiskaming goes further than the hon. Senators, because he asks that, if losses are caused by this research, the ones suffering these losses be at least reimbursed.

Mr. Speaker, we know that the government of Quebec, through Hydro-Quebec, through lumber companies, carries out or has carried out such research. We know that the federal government had this kind of research carried out for five years which was, indeed, very expensive. We want closer supervision in that field. The fact requiring permits for experiments of this kind is not sufficient, in my opinion, and we should prevent these experiments above territories occupied by the Canadian people.

Those are the remarks I wanted to make on the matter, Mr. Speaker.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard):** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Yes.

Motion agreed to and bill read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry.

[English]

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

### THE RAINMAKING ACT

MEASURE TO GOVERN, LICENSE AND REGULATE THE OPERATION OF RAINMAKING EQUIPMENT

On the order: Public Bills

October 20, 1970—Second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications of Bill C-24, an act to govern, license and regulate the operation of rainmaking equipment in Canada—Mr. Peters.

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, in accordance with the understanding that we had at five o'clock, I wish to move, seconded by the hon. member for Vancouver East (Mr. Winch):

That the order for the second reading of Bill C-24, an act to govern, license and regulate the operation of the rainmaking equipment in Canada, be discharged and that the subject matter of the said bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry.

This is the public bill which appears as order No. 2 on today's order paper in the name of the hon. member for Timiskaming (Mr. Peters). The purpose of the motion is to refer the subject matter of the bill to the same committee to which the bill from the Senate has just been referred.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard):** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

[Mr. Laprise.]

**Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River):** Mr. Speaker, we are quite willing to do this. My only comment, in view of the terms of the government organization bill, is to ask why it is necessary to do this. I would have thought the government would simply include a clause that the government control the weather by regulation; then we would not need to do what we are doing now.

• (5:20 p.m.)

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (President of the Privy Council):** If we accept the motion, of course, it would be clearly understood it is the subject matter and not the bill itself that is going to the committee.

**Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** That is what the motion says.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Richard):** Is it the pleasure of the House to accept the motion?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed

Motion agreed to.

## PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

### BROADCASTING

REQUEST FOR THIRD VHF TELEVISION STATION IN TORONTO

**Mr. Hyl Chappell (Peel South)** moved:

That, in the opinion of this House, the government should, pursuant to authority in the Broadcasting Act, consider the advisability of directing the Canadian Radio-Television Commission to hold a public hearing in order that it may consider the possibility of the establishment of a third VHF Television Station in Toronto, and if possible select a suitable applicant in order to provide better service for the three million people in the greater Metro Toronto listening area.

He said: Mr. Speaker, this motion would require the government to direct the CRTC, pursuant to the authority in the Broadcasting Act, to widen the terms of its public hearing, set for September 1971, in order that it might determine the best way to meet the need for better television service in the Metro Toronto area. Any decision based upon the stated terms of the inquiry would do little to improve a very bad situation, would disregard a likely solution and would lock out correction for some years to come.

Metro Toronto should and could have a third VHF-TV channel, independently owned and non-network, and centrally located so as to provide the whole metro area with adequate coverage of general news, political happenings, candidates and cultural activities which it now lacks.

Toronto will not get such a locally oriented VHF channel unless the terms of the public hearing are widened so that applicants may demonstrate how this service can be given. A VHF station located as far away as Paris, Ontario, as the terms of the public inquiry would now