

gas at certain times and when it is short below the border they get cut off. So both those provincial governments have gone on record as favouring the use of Alberta gas in Ontario and Quebec. And last year a responsible group came in here and had a charter given them for the purpose of piping that gas right through Canada to Ontario and Quebec, and I think they hoped to get gas as far as Quebec city, at least as far as Montreal, and to serve practically all the large centres in Ontario en route. Now they have that charter, they have already spent hundreds of thousands of dollars if not millions in developing gas wells in Alberta from which to serve that pipe line, and the difficulty is that it seems to be common knowledge that there will be only one pipe line to the east, at least for many, many years, and if that surplus should go down to Minnesota and Chicago rather than into Quebec, then there is no possibility of Ontario and Quebec getting Canadian gas. That is putting the situation fairly and certainly I would be in favour of both these amendments. I cannot see any objection to them. I do not think they do the trick, actually, but I think if this company wanted to do it they could pipe to the boundary and sell to their American affiliates.

Mr. MUTCH: If they can get a permit to export.

Mr. GREEN: The very fact that the words are written into the bill would make it more difficult.

Mr. ROBINSON: It did not prevent the other pipe line from piping to Montana.

Mr. NICKLE: I might explain my amendment to the gentleman from the maritimes. I have been a very strong proponent for several years of the unitization of the continent's oil and gas. In other words, let our oil and gas reach the most economic markets subject to certain conditions—and those conditions are: Let us assure ourselves that gas is handled so that the maximum number of Canadians will have natural gas, whether it be by direct route or by exchange.

The purpose of this amendment, however, is not that. I feel this pipe line bill should clearly relate to the case presented by Boundary Pipelines Company, and inasmuch as we do have two other companies following routes, eastward over the Prairies, with different intentions—one to go south and one to go farther east; as this company has built its case on an economical line to Winnipeg, in its bill it should be limited to a pipe line stopping at Winnipeg.

The CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion on the amendment moved by Mr. Nickle—that the words “or outside Canada” in line 15, and the words “and/or international” in line 19 be deleted. All those in favour of the amendment please hold up their right hands? Those to the contrary?

Mr. GREEN: Could we have the vote polled?

Mr. ROBINSON: Is it not too late to call a poll vote?

The CHAIRMAN: It will not take very long.

Mr. MUTCH: For the record we will say we called for it first or it certainly will be a precedent.

(7 in favour—15 opposed.)

The CHAIRMAN: I declare the motion lost.

Now, Mr. McIvor moves that paragraph (a) of clause 6 be amended by inserting after the word “lines” in line 23 thereof the words: “provided that the main pipeline or lines for the transmission and transportation of gas and oil shall be located entirely within Canada.”

All those in favour? Those against?

I declare Mr. McIvor's amendment carried.