

Then, as to the amount of money expended: on their own story there will be between \$40 million and \$45 million additionally spent in Canada if their route goes by the all-Canadian route through the Crow's Nest to Vancouver as compared with the main line route going through the United States. There is that substantial difference in the amount of money that is going to be spent in Canada before the construction of the line.

Also, there is the additional cost of maintenance. You have the maintenance of six hundred and twenty-six miles in Canada in the one case and of only two hundred and ten miles in the other, and again, if the line is laid in Canadian soil, you will get away from all the difficulties of control; Canadian needs are met and the excess goes out by branch lines to the United States.

There is then no need of any treaty to protect Canadian consumers. I have no intention of going any further in my explanation. You all know the position. I do suggest that an amendment of this kind providing that the main pipe line must be laid on Canadian soil—mind you that includes oil as well as gas—I do not suggest that having that provision put in the bill is in the interest of Canada.

MR. APPLEWHAITE: If this committee wants to do anything to insure that any pipe line that is going to carry gas from Alberta to the Pacific coast is going to be built through the United States of America, the adoption of this amendment is the one way to assure it.

I wish to explain to the committee, as I see it, what will be the inevitable results of our passing this amendment at this time. I want to make it quite clear that I am not accusing the sponsors of the amendment of having this object in view. I am giving them credit for not having it in view. This amendment—assuming the bill passes with this amendment in—will give us at the moment—because Prairie Transmission Lines are quite yet in the picture—two companies with the right to build a pipe line from Alberta to the Pacific coast. It will give us one company with the right to build in Canada and in Canada only; it will give us another company, whose bill I have in my hand,—and this now is an Act,—which will have the right to build within or without Canada. Assuming that a line can be built without Canada at a considerably reduced cost according to the evidence we have before us, that would apply, I understand, to lines B, C, D, which we have before us, all of which would be made illegal under this amendment. Then, we have the very pleasant situation of two competitors approaching on one side and the vendors on the other side. The market is in Seattle, in Vancouver and in Portland. We admit that we must serve Seattle and Portland to make the project possible at all. When they come to deal with those people are they on the same basis, or is one going to say due to the restrictions put upon us by the parliament of Canada it is going to cost 2 per cent, 3 per cent, or even 5 or 7 per cent more to get gas to you than if you deal with your competitors upon whom no restrictions have been placed by the parliament of Canada.

We are faced now with a situation which some of us have seen coming for a long time. We are faced with a situation where this parliament is giving one company a monopoly or at least a position which puts them in the way of monopoly because it makes their competitors unable to compete with them.

I do not care whether West Coast Transmission builds the line, whether Alberta Natural Gas does, or whether some firm of which I have never heard does. I certainly do not intend, however, to sit back and be a party to us saying "Yes, nominally we will let two or three people have it, but we will say to one outfit that you are practically unrestricted and you can go where you like". We will be saying to another company "Yes, we will give you a charter, but there are a number of definite restrictions as to where you can operate."

Make no mistake about it: everybody wants to see the pipe line—make no mistake about that. However, nobody wants to see the cost of gas delivered to