

Mr. BROOKS: It is wrong when we say it, but it is right when you say it.

Mr. STIRLING: That is just it.

The ACTING CHAIRMAN (Mr. Golding): I must ask hon. members to keep order. It is not according to the rules to interrupt a speaker.

Mr. COLDWELL: Thank you. However, I do not mind if guilty consciences sometimes express themselves. I think anything done by one of our publicly owned institutions for the benefit of Canada should be used for the benefit of Canada. One of the matters that will come before this house in connection with the combines legislation is the question of patents. One of the evils that we have to fight in this country is the patent evil. I would hope that before we reach the particular section in this bill which deals with the matter the minister will agree to remove from it what I regard as an objectionable feature. In the main this bill is a step in the right direction. All I can say about the national research council at the present time is that we have not provided the wherewithal for it to carry on the functions that are contemplated in this bill.

Mr. BOUCHER: The hon. member for Rosetown-Biggan, the leader of the C.C.F. party, has undertaken to censure the members of the Progressive Conservative party for reiteration. I should like to refer to some of the matters he has reiterated. I do not think I need recall to members of the committee the fact that almost every C.C.F. member who spoke on this bill, or on the preceding crown companies bill, deplored the fact that scientists were going south, that there was a great need for further research, that more money should be spent on research and that the terrible combines and cartels were crucifying the people of Canada. The leader of the C.C.F. who has just sat down reiterated everyone of those points *ad nauseam*. I would have hoped that he would not attempt to censure others for his own sins and then go on to give an example of his adherence to those sins.

He turned around and talked about money for the national research council being brought before parliament in the form of estimates, and he said that we of the Progressive Conservative party did not appreciate the policy that was being placed before the committee. If he had understood what the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply said on the Government Companies Operation Act he would know that grants to crown companies, whether set up under the national research council or

otherwise, are made in the form of allocations before estimates are drawn up or before there is any survey of contemplated expenditures made. Apparently he did not get that point.

Mr. COLDWELL: I got it all right.

Mr. BOUCHER: You did not indicate that you had got it. You spoke one way and thought another.

Mr. COLDWELL: I showed you how to get around it.

Mr. BOUCHER: The hon. member says he showed it; he says that he understood it, but we shall see how much he really does understand it. He stated that the national research council had only something like \$14,000,000 a year to spend on research. We are now dealing with a bill that gives the national research council the power to set up crown companies. Under the provisions of section 9 of the bill these companies are made applicable to the Government Companies Operation Act, which we passed the other night. The governor in council has power to allocate to each crown company, including crown companies set up under the national research council, one-half million dollars for operations and another half million dollars a year for extensions.

Mr. HOWE: There is a little reiteration there.

Mr. BOUCHER: I have to reiterate in order to get the members of the C.C.F., particularly the leader thereof, to say what they think.

Mr. HOWE: This is the twentieth time.

Mr. BOUCHER: And to get the minister's attention. How can an hon. member get up in this committee and say that the national research council has only \$14,000,000 to expend when it has the power to incorporate crown companies and when those crown companies can get money out of the people's treasury without its being appropriated? The minister stated definitely that it was to be out of unappropriated money and our C.C.F. friends fought against changing that word to "appropriated." How can they now say that estimates will be set before parliament which will give hon. members plenty of time to scrutinize proposed expenditures when the fact is that the expenditures will all have been made by the crown company before they will ever come to parliament?

I should like to ask the minister who is piloting this bill another question. I know there are crown companies to which money has been allocated out of unappropriated