

corporation which owns 50.6 through this other Canadian company of its shares. If section 14 goes through, the result would be that in its present form not only could the Canadian Marconi Company not continue with its application for television license, but when it comes to renewing its broadcasting licence, it would be in difficulty.

The same position faces some other companies—Senator Brunt will deal with those.

Hon. Mr. NOWLAN: I understand there are four or five companies to which the section might apply.

I do not think I have to spell out to you gentlemen the reason for this section. We did not want to put negatives in there to show discrimination or anything of that kind, and so we make a positive statement as to Canadian interest. I don't think it necessary to elaborate on that point further: we just don't want to see, for instance, a Cuban station or something like that.

The CHAIRMAN: We agree with your general principle.

Hon. Mr. NOWLAN: But I never thought of it apply to existing stations. Indeed, we have no intention of applying it to stations which have been authorized heretofore. Mr. Thorson and I had a few minutes together this morning, and we drafted what might be a satisfactory amendment. But I give you assurance that there is no intention of this section affecting present stations in any way at all. Perhaps Mr. Thorson could read the amendment to you.

Mr. THORSON: The amendment we had in mind—and I am sorry I do not have it in typewritten form—would be somewhat as follows: "That bill C-55, an Act respecting Broadcasting, we amended by adding immediately after line 4 on page 7 the following words—

The CHAIRMAN: That is at the end of section 14?

Mr. THORSON: That is correct.

"(2) The Governor in Council may exempt from the operation of this section any person who, upon the coming into force of this act, was the holder of a valid and subsisting licence, subject to such terms and conditions as the Governor in Council may prescribe . . ."

Senator BRUNT: Should you not put in the word "corporation"?

Mr. THORSON: No "person" includes a corporation.

Hon. Mr. NOWLAN: That would protect existing stations, and the Governor in Council could deal with future cases as they arise. For instance, we would want to make sure that they could not transfer their interests to a foreign country. In that way, we would protect the existing stations without spelling out all the details.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): In other words, the policy outlined in section 14 will apply to future applications?

Hon. Mr. NOWLAN: Subject to this amendment, with the terms and conditions.

The CHAIRMAN: But the onus will be on these corporations to apply to the Governor in Council—that is the existing corporations?

Hon. Mr. NOWLAN: No. I can give you absolute assurance, as far as existing corporations are concerned, they will not be required to do so.

Senator BRUNT: They will be looked after and protected.

Hon. Mr. NOWLAN: Yes.

Senator MACDONALD: That is all right for now, but what about five years hence?