

matter for legal officers.

In several cases, the reversionary principle was established in Federal legislation authorizing construction and operation, and therefore any change in the process would require further legislation. It has been suggested that since international agreements preceded the original legislation, the terms cannot be changed unilaterally, but of course, there is no legal impediment to legislation being amended by Parliament as it thinks fit. Whether it is morally right to make such changes is another matter, but it should be pointed out that the U.S.A. has already made legislative changes concerning international bridges without consulting Canada, and it is therefore difficult to see why Canada should not do the same, particularly if the changes do not interfere with the efficient operation of the bridge and do not deprive individuals of guaranteed rights without proper redress. With regard to the three bridges in the Niagara Falls area, there is no Canadian legislation, and therefore no clear basis for reversion, the reversionary principle having been established in these cases by Resolutions of the Congress of the United States. Since it is, in any case, desirable that these bridges should have some legal basis for operating in Canada other than the Ontario business licence they now possess, the legislation needed for these bridges should include a reversionary clause. The legislation authorizing the Sault Ste. Marie and Prescott/Ogdensburg bridges contains, in addition to the requirement that all bonds be retired, a clause to the effect that all stocks should also be redeemed. The terms under which the stocks are to be redeemed had to be approved by the Governor in Council and if they are likely to impede the reversionary process, it would presumably be possible to reverse the approval and insist on suitable terms. The Ambassador Bridge is a special case and there is no possibility of reversion under existing legislation. However, current negotiations concerning a change of ownership could allow insertion