

Telecommunication Corporation Act

If it were agreeable to the committee I should like to move—I am not doing so now—that the committee rise, report progress and then I would ask hon. members if there would be unanimous consent to have item No. 16 on the order paper called. This is a resolution preceding a bill to amend the Aeronautics Act. I think this is a non-controversial measure and it is designed to remedy a defect in the law. I think the debate on this measure could be conducted far better when the bill is in front of us and we see precisely what is in it. If there were such a disposition the bill would be available, amongst the several measures that I hope to announce at the end of the day, with which the house could deal tomorrow.

I think it would be better if we could stand over this redistribution matter for a few days and then we could make better progress towards the goal I think all hon. members share, and that is trying to conclude the business of this session in an orderly fashion before Christmas.

Mr. Churchill: We are in agreement, Mr. Chairman.

The Chairman: Shall I rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Progress reported.

AERONAUTICS ACT**AMENDMENTS RESPECTING CHARGES FOR USE OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

Hon. J. W. Pickersgill (for the Minister of Transport) moved that the house go into committee to consider the following resolution:

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to amend the Aeronautics Act to authorize the governor in council to make regulations prescribing charges for the use of any facility or service provided by or on behalf of the Minister of Transport for or in respect of aircraft or at an airport and to make such regulations as he deems necessary to impose upon the owners or operators wherever resident, of any aircraft charges for the availability during any flights of such aircraft within or outside Canada of any facility or service provided by or on behalf of the minister; to provide also for the payment of certain expenses of witnesses attending before boards of inquiry established by the minister to investigate aircraft accidents; and to make certain other amendments for the better administration of the act.

Motion agreed to and the house went into committee, Mr. Lamoureux in the chair.

Mr. Herridge: I have one question to ask the Secretary of State, and that is whether this legislation applies to airports owned by municipalities that have received grants from the federal government?

Mr. Pickersgill: I think the bill will make that point clear. This is precisely why I thought it would be preferable to have the bill before us. I have read the resolution carefully and it does not appear to me that it would apply to any airports except those under the jurisdiction of the Minister of Transport. I think the bill will explain this much better than I could hope to do.

Mr. Barnett: Might I ask the minister, is it the intention of the government that this bill be referred to a standing committee for detailed consideration after second reading?

Mr. Pickersgill: There has not been any such thought. I think when hon. members see the bill they will probably have doubts about whether, in view of the number of other committees we have sitting, it would be worth while to do this. However, if there were such a disposition I am sure the Minister of Transport, who is one of the most agreeable members of the house, would be very happy to consider the request.

Resolution reported and concurred in.

Mr. Pickersgill (for Mr. McIlraith) thereupon moved for leave to introduce Bill No. C-117, to amend the Aeronautics Act.

Motion agreed to and bill read the first time.

Mr. Pickersgill: I wonder if the committee would like to take the C.O.T.C. bill, which was in committee of the whole. We could probably do that in the next couple of minutes.

CANADIAN OVERSEAS TELECOMMUNICATION CORPORATION ACT**AMENDMENTS RESPECTING CO-ORDINATION WITH OTHER NATIONS, ETC.**

The house resumed from Monday, November 25, consideration in committee of Bill No. C-112, to amend the Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation Act—Mr. McIlraith—Mr. Lamoureux in the chair.

On clause 1—*Composition of board.*

The Chairman: Shall clause 1 carry?

Mr. Churchill: Give us a chance to find the bill, otherwise we will not agree to this at all.

The Chairman: Shall clause 1 carry?

Mr. Knowles: Ten o'clock.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.