

Private Bills

Mr. Fisher: I wonder if the sponsor of the bill would tell us something about the company which is to be incorporated.

Mr. Cameron (High Park): This is quite a long statement but I shall try to condense it. This is to provide for the incorporation of a company to transact the business of mortgage insurance. The company is intended to operate entirely outside the field of the National Housing Act, that is to say, in the conventional mortgage field.

The National Housing Act permits approved lenders to lend up to 95 per cent of approved lending value of new construction. Existing legislation permits institutional lenders in the conventional field to lend up to only 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ per cent of approved lending value of existing and new houses. There is at present an acute need for high ratio mortgage loans in the existing housing market.

The relative unavailability of high ratio loans for existing houses has resulted in a profusion of second mortgages with high interest rates, vicious practices, and extortion as revealed in recent public inquiries. This situation has resulted in certain pressures to make public funds available in this field, for example from the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

The present bill is the answer of private enterprise. It represents the response of private enterprise to the need for remedial action in this field.

The plan, which is the product of long study, contemplates a joint approach by institutional lenders such as life insurance companies, mortgage companies and trust companies, on the one hand, and mortgage investment companies on the other. The institutional lender will continue to lend up to 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ per cent of the approved lending value, and a mortgage investment company will lend up to an additional 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ per cent of the approved lending value. The two together will make available up to 83 $\frac{1}{3}$ per cent of approved lending value, for example, five sixths thereof, and will do so at reasonable interest rates. I may say the loans will be insured; it is mortgage insurance.

I think that with this short explanation the hon. member will understand the purpose of the bill.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the standing committee on banking and commerce.

GOOD NEWS BROADCASTING ASSOCIATION
OF CANADA

On the order:

House in committee of the whole on Bill S-15, an act to incorporate the Good News Broadcasting Association of Canada (as amended).—Mr. Enns.

[Mr. Cameron (High Park).]

Mr. A. J. P. Cameron (High Park): Mr. Speaker, I have spoken to the sponsor of this bill and he has kindly agreed to let it stand on the understanding that it retains its position on the order paper. I have already spoken to the acting house leader and I believe this is agreeable to the government.

Mr. S. J. Enns (Portage-Neepawa): Mr. Speaker, I agree to giving precedence to items three to seven, but I request, by unanimous consent, that item No. 2 follows item No. 7 on the order paper.

Order stands.

[Later:]

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Mr. MacNaught: I wonder if the hon. member for Portage-Neepawa (Mr. Enns) would consent to allowing item No. 156 to be called? It is a similar bill to the last, it will only take a moment, and I think it is desirable that it be passed so that it may be disposed of this session.

Mr. Enns: I am quite agreeable to following the conciliatory mood of the house this afternoon and agreeing to the request of the hon. gentleman.

Order stands.

[Later:]

House in committee on Bill No. S-15 to incorporate the Good News Broadcasting Association of Canada—Mr. Enns—Mr. Lamoureux in the chair.

On clause 1—*Incorporation.*

Mr. Deachman: When this bill came before the committee in the first instance there were a number of considerations which arose in consequence of which it was sent back to the committee for further examination. When the bill was again before the committee for further study, additional witnesses were called and additional information was obtained. Following this further scrutiny, certain amendments were made. These appear, I believe in *Votes and Proceedings* of December 9.

However, despite these amendments and despite the testimony given by those who were called to give evidence before the committee in respect to this bill, a number of features remain which, in my view, warrant the careful scrutiny of this house, and it is for that reason I rise at the present time.

First of all, what is the Good News Broadcasting Association? I am not yet satisfied, though I listened carefully to the witness from the United States who appeared before us on behalf of the Good News Broadcasting