

I shall now read section 6 subsection 1:

VI. Subject to any regulations of the Governor-in-Council in that behalf, the Governor-in-Council may grant licences, upon such conditions as he thinks proper, for the exportation of power or fluid where a right to export exists by lawful authority.

And I shall now read section VII subsections 1 and 2:

VII. Any such licence may provide that the quantity of power or fluid to be exported shall be limited to the surplus, after the licensee has supplied for distribution to customers for use in Canada power or fluid to the extent defined by such licence, at prices and in accordance with conditions, rules and regulations prescribed by the Governor-in-Council.

(2) Every such licence shall be revocable at will by the Governor-in-Council if the licensee refuses or neglects to comply with any of the conditions imposed with regard to the supply and distribution of power and fluid in Canada.

That is the end of the quotation and I suggest that this amendment is absolutely unnecessary as a matter of practical effect because it has already been fully provided for. And I submit further—although I am not an expert—that it is bad law and worse practice to try to restate the general law in what is a private bill; and further than that I think you might well take into consideration the question of whether or not such a procedure is or is not out of order.

Mr. HERRIDGE: I would like to say a few words, Mr. Chairman, in support of Mr. Green's amendment of which I heartily approve. I support it for the reasons which I will state later and I support it first, though, on principle, the very principle around which the debate in the House revolved; that is, the determination of a number of members of this House of Commons to protect the interests of Canadian people in their desire to use Canadian natural resources. We are not satisfied today that Canadian interests are being protected in this respect. We are here to protect their interest, and I am quite sure that the members of the committee, if they remember the debate in the House of Commons and the remarks of the Right Hon. C. D. Howe, and if they listened to the evidence which was submitted to this committee, will come to the conclusion that we do not by any means have a definite assurance that Canadian requirements are going to be met and Canadian interests protected.

To support that statement I want to read from the Hansard of March 15, which is volume 90, No. 20. And on that day Mr. A. C. Stewart, the hon. member for Yorkton—

Mr. MAYBANK: What page are you reading from?

Mr. HERRIDGE: It is page 791. I am glad you are being so exact in this matter, Mr. Maybank.

Mr. MAYBANK: I thought you wanted to be and had left it out.

Mr. HERRIDGE: On that day, as I was saying, Mr. A. C. Stewart of Yorkton asked the following question:

Mr. A. C. STEWART (Yorkton): I should like to direct the following questions to the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Have any representations been made to him by the C.C.F. government of Saskatchewan with regard to protecting Saskatchewan so far as export of oil and gas from Alberta is concerned? What is the policy of the minister with regard to the granting of permits for pipe lines from Alberta to the United States?

And in reply to that question the Right Hon. C. D. Howe (Minister of Trade and Commerce) had this to say:

The answer to the first question is that I have no knowledge of any representations from the province of Saskatchewan in that connection. In answer to the second question I would say that I spoke on this subject