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I wish to make a few remarks on this subject, Mr. Chairman. I would like corporations dealing with community antennas to enjoy the same rights they enjoy today, when that corporation is established. Again private enterprise should have the right to play a part in the development of the state in the fields of communications and transport. Private enterprise has certainly some rights and I think that we would go backwards if we did not allow these corporations to live and to operate properly what they can operate and to give the services that they are as capable as the state of giving.

As far as big business is concerned, Mr. Chairman, I think the state must exercise that control, as it were, because this responsibility is too heavy for private enterprise. As for everything that is not too expensive, the state should let private enterprise deal with it.

Mr. Chairman, thanks to satellites, we will have access to new mass media and we need them badly. All these mass media, all these instruments of publicity, and education should be available to the people. Indeed, it is for the government to provide them with these means. Again, as I said earlier, we should leave to private enterprises its due share in those fields. The state would then truly act as a pater familias. A father must not take everything for himself without leaving anything to the rest of the family. Every member of the family has the right to live.

A father must do his best to enable each and every member of the family to fulfil himself and freely enjoy the wealth of the family.

The Chairman: Order.

Mr. Latulippe: I shall conclude by thanking you, Mr. Chairman. Private enterprise—

[*English*]

The Chairman: Order. It being four o'clock shall I rise, report progress and request leave to sit again at the next sitting of the house?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Progress reported.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being four o'clock, the house will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely private bills.

[*Mr. Latulippe.*]

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CANADIAN ORDER OF FORESTERS

Mr. Hyliard Chappell (Peel South) moved the second reading and reference to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs of Bill S-18, respecting Canadian Order of Foresters.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. Is the President of the Treasury Board asking for the floor?

• (4:00 p.m.)

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I apologize for not rising a little earlier. May I ask the unanimous consent of the house to revert to motions in order that we may receive a message from His Excellency?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Drury: I beg your pardon, Mr. Speaker. I was under the impression the table had the requisite document. Perhaps we could defer this matter.

Mr. Chappell: Mr. Speaker, Canadian Order of Foresters was incorporated under Ontario law in 1879. It is a non-profit society which issues policies of life insurance to its members. It is exclusively Canadian, with head office in Brantford, Ontario. The objects of the society as set out in the constitution include, "to unite fraternally into the Order—for mutual fraternal benefits." Those benefits include the maintenance of an insurance fund.

The society was registered with the federal department of insurance under part V of the Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act, Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952, as a provincial society. It transacts the business of life insurance in all provinces or parts of Canada. There are about 40,000 members in Canada.

Although the society had its beginning in Ontario, over the years it has extended into almost every province and now little more than one third of its branches are within Ontario. To facilitate the operation of the society in all provinces of Canada, it is desirable to make the society subject to the provisions of the Canadian and British Insurance Companies Act respecting fraternal benefit societies as if the society had been incorporated by special act of the Parliament of Canada.