

Mr. THORSON: Oh, yes, I agree with that.

The CHAIRMAN: You are not changing that?

Mr. THORSON: You would have two methods according to this proposal of dismissal for cause; there would be that distinction.

Senator MACDONALD: That is right.

Mr. THORSON: And the directors, on the other hand...

Senator HAYDEN: I think it should be faster, in the case of a president and a vice-president.

Mr. THORSON: I should like to suggest that if you are changing words, not to make the reference to dismissal for cause by the Governor in Council in subsection 2, otherwise you produce confusion in subsection 4 as to which directors you are talking about, where you speak of removing them on address of the Senate and House of Commons.

Senator HAYDEN: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Well, is this the way the committee wishes it? The first two lines of subsection 2: "The president and vice-president shall be appointed to hold office during good behaviour for a period of seven years, subject to removal at any time by the Governor in Council".

Senator MACDONALD: No, leave out the part about "subject to".

The CHAIRMAN: Then all we do in the subsection is to remove the word "pleasure" and substitute the words "good behaviour"?

Senator MACDONALD: Then how do you amend subsection 4?

Mr. THORSON: Well, if the committee wishes to make this change, perhaps subsection 4 could be amended somewhat as follows:

A director ceases to be a director of the corporation upon attaining the age of seventy-five years, and may be removed at any time by the Governor in Council on address of the Senate and House of Commons, in the case of the president or vice-president, "by the Governor in Council for cause".

Senator HAYDEN: I don't like adding the words "for cause".

Mr. THORSON: Well, I think if you speak of good behaviour it is implicit that the removal must be for a cause, such as malfeasance in office. Otherwise it leaves open the question of the grounds on which a person may be removed having been appointed during good behaviour.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): If he is appointed during good behaviour and is going to be dismissed, and power is given to the Governor in Council to dismiss him, then isn't he dismissed presumably for cause, and that is implied, and therefore you would not need the words?

Mr. THORSON: Perhaps, Senator Connolly, that is correct, but there is still a possibility of confusion as to what kind of a creature you have created if you stipulate that he may be removed at any time by the Governor in Council.

Senator HAYDEN: Except that you have the same situation in relation to a director. In subsection 4 you have a director appointed to hold office during good behaviour who may be removed at any time—it does not say "for cause".

Mr. THORSON: But it says "on address of the Senate and the House of Commons". That is a recognized form.

The CHAIRMAN: You suggest that the Senate and the House of Commons would not act without cause, Senator Hayden?

Mr. THORSON: That is the language, at any rate, used. It has a clear meaning, I think.