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teachers in the classrooms or in the libraries reprography photocopying which, according to this bill or the old bill, is against the law, and they are subject to fines. I wonder what is going to happen with this bill.

I would caution anyone who presumes to think that they can put this into a legislative committee and it will be a one, two, three affair. The semi-conductor chip has a memory. It is an integrated circuit of topography. It is key and vital to the industry. In my own riding, Paramax is very well known for its role in the development of high technology in the telecommunication field. I have been very impressed with what they are able to do.

I would like to tell the minister and the members of this House that there is a great amount of work that has been done in the field of cable and broadcasting technology. You just have to go and see what Videotron has developed in the way of Videoway. We must protect these people, and consider what will happen if we allow our borders to be open to American and foreign interests without considering the Canadian potential for this wonderfully growing field of great technology. We have been leaders in the past and with research and development we will be leaders again in the future, as long as we protect our interests.

It is about time this government recognized what can be done in the field of technology, but how important well written copyright is.

I caution the government and I suggest that it pay a great deal of attention and care and bring in phase two.

Why is it leaving our people in contempt of court? Let us know what to do about spontaneous news. Let us know what the exemptions are under reprography rights and let us not put people in jeopardy. It is not fair to our children, it is not fair to our educators and it will not be fair to our businessmen.

I would suggest a quick look at this bill because there is a very serious error in one of the clauses which allows, indeed encourages, increased foreign presence in the Canadian market in this particular field, and I think this is a serious issue. I would say to you, Positron, in my riding, watch this bill. I would say to you, Videotron, in the cable industry with the most exciting new technology, watch this bill. Come and read it and compare it with the old act and make sure that the intellectual property is properly protected.

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I believe there is agreement to call it three o'clock.

It being 12.37 p.m., this House stands adjourned until Monday next at one o'clock p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 12.37 p.m.