

THE SENATE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

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OTTAWA, Thursday, May 13, 1965.

The Standing Committee on Transport and Communications, to which was referred Bill S-4, respecting The Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Railway Company, met this day at 10 a.m.

Senator A. K. Hugessen in the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN: Honourable senators, I would ask the committee to come to order. We have for consideration this morning Bill S-4, an Act respecting The Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Railway Company. This is a private bill, but nevertheless it affects an important corporation engaged in transport. I wonder if the committee feels we should have the proceedings reported.

The committee agreed that a verbatim report be made of the committee's proceedings on the bill.

The committee agreed to report recommending authority be granted for the printing of 800 copies in English and 300 copies in French of the committee's proceedings on the bill.

The CHAIRMAN: Before proceeding with consideration of this bill I should like to read to the committee three letters I have received in connection therewith.

The first is a letter from our Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel dated the 12th instant:

In my opinion, this Bill is in proper legal form, except that in clause 8, line 41, "Companies" should read "Canadian Corporations". An amendment will be required in this regard, but the corresponding change in the explanatory note to that clause can be made without any necessity of amendment.

There are two minor corrections to be made in the explanatory notes to clause 7. These are: "December 4" should read "December 5", and the word "unanimously" should be deleted. In this case, no formal amendments need be made in committee, and the necessary corrections will be made in the next printing.

The Minister of Transport has indicated that he has no objection to the passage of this Bill.

The second letter we have is directed to our Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel from the counsel for the Department of Transport. It is dated May 11 and reads as follows:

I refer to Bill S-4 being an Act respecting The Algoma Central and Hudson Bay Railway Company and being a private bill which received first reading in the Senate on May 4, 1965, and to Bill S-5, being an Act respecting Great Northern Railway Company, a private bill which received first reading in the Senate on May 4, 1965.

I have to advise you that the Minister of Transport has no objection to the said Bills.