

National Energy Board Act

in committee, to the other place, and I should like to add only one or two comments. The minister pleaded lack of experience. I could not help thinking that the minister was given a great deal of experience during the nine days that the energy bill was before the house last session. I am afraid he did not profit from that experience to the extent that he might and should have. In any event, I should like to ask him now to indicate the names of the companies and the value or quantity of electricity involved. In his remarks on second reading of the bill I think he said he was willing to do that.

Mr. Churchill: Yes, Mr. Chairman. There are 20 companies involved here. I will give the date of the original licence to export on an annual basis. The first is the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario. The date was the 31st day of the third month, 1924 and the licence involved a firm contract of 395,280,000 kilowatts. The second one was Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, and the date is 15-5-24, with respect to an interruptible amount—

Mr. McIlraith: If this is in tabular form, Mr. Chairman, I would have no objection to the minister putting it on *Hansard*.

Mr. Churchill: Well, if that is agreeable—

The Chairman: Is it the pleasure of the committee to give permission to have this table printed at this point?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[*Editor's note: The table referred to is on page 2659*]

Mr. Van Horne: Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to see this section being removed. It indicates the measure of reasonableness of this government when it recognizes the merit of suggestions from hon. members all over the house.

In New Brunswick, we are not too happy with the energy board. I shall come back to that later. As a matter of fact, some of our people are calling it the lack of energy board. I can assure you that there are other provisions in this act that meet with our approval but, up to now, there has been very little indication on the part of the energy board of a serious attitude toward problems connected with the transportation of gas and other fluids in New Brunswick or the other maritime provinces. In saying this, I realize that the hon. member for Bonavista-Twillingate will probably repeat the accusation he made the other day in Toronto that I am trying to promote some private interest. He

[*Mr. McIlraith.*]

may have said this to some reporter in Toronto, but nothing could be farther from the truth.

Mr. Pickersgill: I should like to rise on a question of privilege, Mr. Chairman. I think the hon. gentleman said I had once said of him that he was trying to promote some private interest. I have no recollection of ever having made any such statement. I certainly never had any such idea. If I was reported as having done so and did the hon. gentleman any injury, I apologize at once.

Mr. Van Horne: I merely read a report that the hon. member had said that. I can assure the hon. member that is not the case. We in the maritime provinces are interested in this matter of getting the energy board to take a more serious attitude toward our problems. I wish to take this opportunity of going on record to request the government to direct the energy board to give more serious consideration to these problems that come under this act, as they relate to the maritime provinces.

Mr. Churchill: My attention has been drawn to the fact that when we put forward the amendment we left in the printed section the word "said" in the first line, referring back to the National Energy Board Act. Consequently, we will have to have a further amendment now striking out the word "said".

Mr. Martin (Essex East): In what paragraph?

Mr. Churchill: This is in line 1 now of the clause which has remained. We have to strike out the word "said" and put in the "national energy board" and then the line will read as follows:

Section 99 of the National Energy Board Act is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

Mr. Brooks: I move that clause 1 be amended by deleting the word "said" in the first line and substituting therefor "the National Energy Board Act".

Amendment agreed to.

Clause as amended agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported.

Mr. Speaker: When shall this bill be read a third time, now?

Mr. Chevrier: By leave.

Mr. Churchill moved the third reading of the bill.

Motion agreed to, bill read the third time and passed.