

as long as this section 14 is in effect, and it is therefore broader than the case the minister made out. If he can make out a case for broader provisions than he has done up to the moment, we can consider that; but this goes far beyond the case he has tried to make out up to the moment.

Mr. HOWE: I have stated the intentions of the government in that regard, but I see no objection to my hon. friend making a case against any corporation wholly owned by the government being placed under the national research council. Is he doing so?

Mr. FLEMING: I submit that in every case parliament should say whether it should go to the research council or not. I do not think it should be done by executive act.

Mr. HOWE: There is a Transfer of Duties Act, which allows the Prime Minister to transfer any activity of government from one agency to another agency of government.

Mr. FLEMING: That does not in the least affect the point I am making. Here you have joint stock companies whose stock is owned by the crown and you have a provision that the council may, with the approval of the governor in council, assume ownership of the stock of those companies and the direction of them. Parliament should have an opportunity of passing on these individual cases, and it should not be left to be accomplished simply by decision of the governor in council without reference to parliament.

Mr. ZAPLITNY: There are references in the proposed new section 14 to shares necessary to qualify persons as directors. To what type of shares does this refer? Is that a provision of the Companies Act, making it necessary for the directors to own shares?

Mr. HOWE: Under the Companies Act a director must be a shareholder of the company. That is effected by turning over a share which has been previously endorsed by the director in favour of the crown, and the share is deposited with the crown so that it can be transferred back to the crown at any time by action of the crown independently of action of the director. It is necessary to preserve that fiction, if you like, in order to comply with the Companies Act.

Mr. ZAPLITNY: Is there any stipulation as to the number of shares?

Mr. HOWE: One share.

Mr. GREEN: The new section 15 provides for the establishment of a pension fund or other pension or superannuation arrangement

for the benefit of members of the professional scientific staff of the council. This afternoon I understood the minister to say something about the other employees of the council. I thought he said they were to be employed under the Civil Service Act.

Mr. HOWE: That is right.

Mr. GREEN: Does that include the non-technical employees of any crown companies set up or taken over by the council?

Mr. HOWE: The crown companies have the right to set up their own pension plans. I was talking about employees of the national research council. The provision there is that scientific employees will have a special provision for reasons I have already explained. The non-technical employees would come under the Civil Service Superannuation Act. Crown companies will come under such superannuation act as may be proposed by the companies and approved by the governor in council.

Mr. GREEN: I understood the minister to say that the other employees would come under the Civil Service Act.

Mr. HOWE: The Civil Service Superannuation Act.

Mr. GREEN: I take it, it is the Civil Service Superannuation Act.

Mr. HOWE: Yes.

Section agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

ATOMIC ENERGY

PUBLIC CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF DEVELOPMENT, APPLICATION AND USE

Hon. C. D. HOWE (Minister of Reconstruction and Supply) moved the second reading of bill No. 165, relating to the development and control of atomic energy.

Mr. GREEN: Is the minister not making a statement?

Mr. HOWE: When the resolution was under discussion I made a rather full statement of the objects of the bill. I appreciate that other hon. members will wish to discuss the contents of the bill; therefore I suggest, sir, that you call it eleven o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Howe the debate was adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Mackenzie the house adjourned at 10.55 p.m.