

the president and vice-president; on the other hand, of course, there might be a possible operating difficulty if the president or vice-president turned out to be unsatisfactory during his seven years and the Government could not remove him except on a joint address. Of those two points I would think I would favour changing the bill so as to make it quite clear that there is no political interference of the C.B.C., and take the chance that there might perhaps be some trouble that an officer might prove unsatisfactory. After all, as the Minister has said, the Government has the means to make it uncomfortable for any such officer, if it wanted to, and he would have to get out anyway, even if he was entitled to his seven years. As I took it, the Minister does not take a very strong view on the matter, but is rather leaving the matter to us.

Senator HAYDEN: It is rather an involved process for the removal of an officer like a president or a vice-president, a joint address.

The CHAIRMAN: Quite so.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): The proposal is, as I understand it, that in so far as the president and vice-president are concerned a joint address would not be necessary.

The CHAIRMAN: Oh, yes.

Senator CONNOLLY (*Ottawa West*): Well, I don't think that puts any Government into a straight jacket.

Senator HAYDEN: No.

Senator MACDONALD: No, I wouldn't agree with that at all. It is not necessary to have that. Under the present act the chairman and the other governors may be removed for cause at any time by the Governor in Council.

Senator HAYDEN: I would think the president and vice-president should be appointed to hold office during good behaviour, subject to removal at any time by the Governor in Council.

Senator MACDONALD: That would suit me.

Senator HAYDEN: And then if the other directors were appointed to hold office during good behaviour, to be removed under the conditions set forth in paragraph 4.

The CHAIRMAN: Perhaps subsection 2 of section 22 might read, "The president and vice-president shall be appointed to hold office during good behaviour for a period of seven years"; then "subject to removal—"

Senator MACDONALD: For cause at any time.

Senator HAYDEN: I was not going to say "for cause", but "subject to removal".

Senator MACDONALD: I think it should be "for cause".

Senator HAYDEN: No; "during good behaviour for a period of seven years, subject to removal by the Governor in Council at any time".

The CHAIRMAN: That would mean that the Government could not dismiss the president or the vice-president without cause, they would have to show bad behaviour.

Senator HAYDEN: That is right.

The CHAIRMAN: Does that meet with approval?

Mr. THORSON: You will then, of course, have two different methods of removal.

The CHAIRMAN: You have that, anyway.

Mr. THORSON: No, just the one now, removal on address of the Senate and House of Commons.

The CHAIRMAN: You have "during pleasure" now.