

Senator BRUNT: You drafted it.

Mr. THORSON: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: You approve of the drafting, do you?

Mr. THORSON: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Any discussion on it?

Senator HORNER: What is the effect of it?

The CHAIRMAN: What it means in effect is this: the Governors of C.B.C. are divided into two classes from the point of view of removal; one of the ordinary directors can only be removed if he fails in good behaviour by a joint address of the Senate and House of Commons, but the President and Vice-President can be removed for cause by the Governor in Council.

Senator VIEN: Is it stated, for cause?

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, for cause.

That is to say, it is easier to dismiss the President or Vice-President of the corporation than it is to dismiss one of the other directors, because the other directors can only be dismissed for failure in good behaviour upon an address to the Governor General by both houses; but the President or Vice-President can be removed for cause by the Governor in Council.

Senator METHOT: What is the difference between being removed for cause, holding office during pleasure, and holding office during good behaviour? I understand that a man may have good behaviour but be a bad administrator. But to remove by cause by the Governor in Council, does that mean the Governor in Council has to give a cause or reason?

Senator BRUNT: No; it is provided by the person removed—he does something.

Senator METHOT: Is there any obligation on the Governor in Council when he is removing someone to state the reason for it?

Senator MACDONALD: I would not think so.

Senator METHOT: It would be worse for the man being removed if a reason had to be given.

Senator HAYDEN: Then he would resign; it is a big stick.

Senator VIEN: The senator is correct, in that if the Governor in Council is not obliged to state a cause, then it amounts to the same thing as during pleasure. In other words, there is no difference between holding office during pleasure and removal for bad behaviour if there is no obligation to specify the cause.

Senator BRUNT: I think we should accept this amendment in its present form.

Amendment to subsections (2) and (4) of section 22 carried.

Preamble carried.

Title carried.

Bill reported as amended.

The meeting adjourned.