

The Order being read for the report stage of Bill C-190, An Act to amend the National Energy Board Act as reported (with amendments) from the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works.

The following motion having been called:

That Bill C-190, An Act to amend the National Energy Board Act, be amended by inserting after clause 11 the following clause:

“12. Section 44 of the said Act is amended by adding after paragraph

(d) a new paragraph (e) and relettering the following paragraph:

(e) the environmental, ecological and pollution risk aspects”

and by renumbering the subsequent clauses.—*Mr. Harding.*

RULING BY MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER: I thank honourable Members for their contribution to the procedural aspect of this discussion. I may say that my original doubts are the same. It seems to me that the amendment proposed by the honourable Member goes beyond the bill before the House and in fact goes behind the bill to amend the Act. As I have pointed out several times this afternoon this renders the proposed motion irrelevant and beyond the scope of the bill. I would simply remind the House of May's cogent rule on this matter which appears at page 549 of May's Seventeenth Edition and which reads as follows: “An amendment is out of order if it is irrelevant to the subject-matter or beyond the scope of the bill, or if it is irrelevant to the subject-matter or beyond the scope of the clause under consideration.”

For these reasons I must rule that the motion is inadmissible.

On motion of Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Pepin, the said bill was concurred in at the report stage.

Mr. Greene, seconded by Mr. Pepin, moved,—That the said bill be now read a third time and do pass.

After debate thereon, the question being put on the said motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly, the said bill was read the third time and passed.

Changes in Committee Membership

Notice having been filed with the Clerk of the House pursuant to Standing Order 65(4) (b), membership of Committees was amended as follows:

Messrs. Lessard (LaSalle), Crossman, Deakon, McCutcheon and Danforth for Messrs. Robinson, Gendron, Boulanger, Moore and Korchinski on the Standing Committee on Agriculture.

Messrs. Ouellet, Corbin, Portelance, Weatherhead, Badanai, Rowland and Groos for Messrs. Buchanan, Groos, Howard (Okanagan Boundary), Hymmen, Roberts, Winch and Cafik on the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence.