

ICG TRANSMISSION LIMITED

Mr. John M. Reid (Kenora-Rainy River) moved that Bill S-17, to incorporate ICG Transmission Limited, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications.

Mr. Peters: Is the sponsor going to indicate what the bill is about?

Mr. Reid: Mr. Speaker, this bill to incorporate ICG Transmission Limited will be an affiliate of Inter-City Gas Limited, a Manitoba company in the business of distributing natural gas throughout the province of Manitoba. The company has signed a contract with Boise Cascade Corporation to fulfil its requirements through a plant to be built at Fort Frances, Ontario.

Because of the particular terrain in the northern part of my constituency, it is less expensive for the line to drop down south from Falcon Lake, Manitoba to the United States than to cross over at Rainy River, Ontario and go the 50 or 60 miles to Fort Frances, cross over at International Falls and also provide service for the Boise Cascade operations, one at Fort Frances and the other at International Falls.

The contract signed by this company is to run for 20 to 25 years and will provide an alternative source to a company which has been using lignite coal and which produces a great amount of air pollution in the town of Fort Frances. I might say the sponsors of the companies are all Canadians. I anticipate this will be the condition in which the company remains.

Mr. Orlikow: Could I ask the hon. member a question, Mr. Speaker? To what areas does this company distribute natural gas?

Mr. Reid: My information is that it distributes natural gas throughout the southern part of Manitoba and parts of the city of Winnipeg.

Mr. Skoberg: For the record, Mr. Speaker, I want to ask the member a very short question. When he concluded his remarks, he referred to the Inter-City Gas Company. I presume this is a company formed within the province of Manitoba and that shareholders are throughout the province of Manitoba or are they throughout the country generally?

Mr. Reid: This is a publicly held company, Mr. Speaker, and I understand the shareholders are concentrated in the province of Manitoba.

Water Resources

Mr. Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications.

Mr. Reid: May we call it six o'clock?

Mr. Speaker: Is it the wish of hon. members that we call it six o'clock or that we go on with other business?

Some hon. Members: Six o'clock.

Mr. Speaker: It being six o'clock I do now leave the chair.

At six o'clock the House took recess.

• (8:00 p.m.)

GOVERNMENT ORDERS**WATER RESOURCES**

PROVISION FOR MANAGEMENT INCLUDING RESEARCH AND PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Greene that Bill C-144, to provide for the management of the water resources of Canada including research and the planning and implementation of programs relating to the conservation, development and utilization of water resources, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works.

Mr. McGrath: Mr. Speaker, we believe the legislation now before the House falls far short of what the country expected and what this Parliament expected as a means of dealing with a serious and growing problem. We believe the government of Canada has already set the necessary constitutional precedents involved in the use of the Fisheries Act, so the constitutional complexity of effectively dealing with pollution is no longer relevant. I believe the Fisheries Act clearly establishes the precedent that the federal government does in fact have a well-defined responsibility in this area, covering the entire country. What concerns me is that this bill would make the application of the government's anti-pollution policy more complicated throughout the whole area inasmuch as it envisages the setting up of ten separate