

Now, Mr. Chairman, we have been discussing this afternoon an act to incorporate the Alberta Natural Gas Company (Bill 7) and section 6 of this bill reads as follows:

6. The Company, subject to the provisions of any general legislation relating to pipe lines for the transportation of gas or oil or any gaseous or liquid products or by-products thereof which is enacted by Parliament, may

(a) within or outside Canada construct, purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire and hold,

—and so on.

I am quite sure, Mr. Chairman, that Mr. Goode will admit that he was inaccurate in making that statement.

Mr. SMITH: Mr. Goode made a statement that the wording in the two bills was exactly the same.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: Oh, that is a mere bagatelle.

Mr. HERRIDGE: So that this bill will be similar word for word to the previous bill in wording; and it is for that reason that I want section 6 of Bill No. 7, paragraph (a), to be amended, by adding after the word "within" in the 20th line, the following:

the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia.

Now, Mr. Chairman, the insertion of those words will then make this bill identical with the bills passed last year. I would so move.

Mr. GREEN: Mr. Chairman, with regard to this proposed amendment, you will remember that when I was questioning Mr. Dixon yesterday I asked him—

The VICE-CHAIRMAN: Just a moment, Mr. Green, please. I will read the amendment:

That paragraph (a) of section 6 of Bill 7 be amended by adding after the word "within" in the 20th line the following "the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia".

Mr. SMITH: I think they will accept that.

Mr. CONNOLLY: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Dixon calls my attention to a situation where the company might want to get gas in Saskatchewan. And suppose the company wanted to supply gas to Manitoba—

Mr. GREEN: Mr. Chairman, I suggest that is not the answer, because this group now have a collecting company in Alberta known as the Alberta Natural Gas Grid Limited, or some such similar name; and they are asking the incorporation of the Alberta Natural Gas Company to transport gas to the west in so far as their line runs in Canada, and wherever it is beyond the boundary in the United States, they are proposing to operate another company to be known as the Northwest Natural Gas Company. Now, I asked Mr. Dixon whether he had any intention of running along into the east from Alberta, and his answer was that certainly for the time being they had no such intention. And I submit for that reason alone this amendment should be carried. We have heard a lot of argument by people who are talking about this private bill to the effect that they should not be put under any disadvantage, but here we have a case where they have a very distinct advantage, they are getting the power to operate a gas line running anywhere in Canada. They are not confined to the building of a pipe line to the Pacific coast, although in their story to us they say that is all they want, a pipe line to the west coast. Now, if they mean what they say, then let them accept this amendment and confine their operations to Alberta and British Columbia. If at a later time they want to build a line to the markets of the east let them come before parliament for an amendment to their charter