

Canada Shipping Act

way they got the word across to both the Senator and the parliamentary secretary as to what to say in support of the bill.

The purport of the bill is to regularize by statute the by-laws which were made by the Department of Transport improperly and without legislative authority, as was the case with the Aeronautics Act, as pointed out by the hon. member for Peace River. With respect to the invalid regulations made under the Aeronautics Act, which extended back some years, and the by-laws relating to pilotage, which also extend back some years, I am really amazed that these things were not uncovered, corrected and changed when the brilliant Hon. George Hees was at the head of the Department of Transport.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Fortin: Mr. Speaker, about the debate on second reading, I will reserve my remarks for our work in committee so as to allow the House to speed up its business.

[*English*]

Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I hope you will allow me two or three minutes to refer to some of the remarks of the hon. member for Peace River (Mr. Baldwin). He said the bill was illegal and improper. That is not so. Indeed, I could remind him of the fact that Bill C-218, which we passed the other day, had to be redrafted because it was badly written or the words in the Order in Council were not correct. May I remind him that there were five or six such Orders in Council during the time the Conservative government was in office between 1958 and 1962. The reason in this case was bad drafting of those orders.

When the hon. member for Peace River says we are right back where we were two years ago, may I remind him that we are much closer to the formulation of a new bill on pilotage than we were two years ago. The minister said that before the end of this year or the beginning of 1971, a new bill will be brought in which will correct all the mistakes that might have been made.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Béchard): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the said motion.

• (1:00 p.m.)

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and the House went into committee thereon, Mr. Béchard in the chair.

The Deputy Chairman: Order. It being one o'clock I do now leave the chair.

At one o'clock the committee took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The committee resumed at 2 p.m.

On Clause 1—*Expiry*.

Mr. Barnett: Mr. Chairman, I wish to ask one question to which clause 1 of this bill opens the door. In view of the fact that on second reading the Parliamentary Secretary made reference to the fact that amendments to the Canada Shipping Act are pending, I ask the minister whether consideration is being given to the question of expanded pilotage arrangements for the Canadian Arctic. I ask the question particularly in view of the possibility of surface transportation using those waters, and the very interesting possibility outlined to one of the parliamentary committees a while ago of transportation underwater by submarine? Will the new act make provision for pilotage services to underwater commercial craft across the Arctic?

• (2:10 p.m.)

Mr. Forrestal: Mr. Chairman, my remarks will be brief, although the point I wish to make involves a most serious underlying principle. I hope that members of the committee will consider it to be as serious as I consider it.

As the Parliamentary Secretary has indicated, we are considering a bill that is to guard against the lapsing of certain regulations so that the government may have an opportunity to bring in full amending regulations. It is to the point that I wish to address my brief remarks this afternoon. Let us be clear that we, on this side of the House, understand the objections of the industry to that portion of the report which is now before the people of Canada and the government. We do not need to elaborate arguments which may have been advanced in the other place in connection with this bill to make that clear.

I hope I am not inadequate to the task and that I do not misrepresent my thoughts and intentions. I intend this afternoon to leave a clear indication of the direction in which I, as an individual, should like the government to go, not only in connection with this bill but with other, related bills. I hope the House and the people of Canada will support me. I am talking of the area of the conflict of interest that arises when a regulatory authority, such