

**APPENDIX "C-91/4"**

**STATEMENT OF THE SHIPPING FEDERATION OF CANADA  
BEFORE THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
APPOINTED TO DEAL WITH BILL C-91, AND ACT TO AMEND  
THE FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION ACT**

Mr. Chairman and Honourable Members:

My name is Peter Davidson. I am a partner in the law firm of Brisset Bishop of Montreal. I have been practicing for 27 years in the field of Marine law. I appear before you as counsel to The Shipping Federation of Canada. With me is Captain Francis C. Nicol who is the President of The Federation.

The Shipping Federation of Canada represents the vast majority of ocean-going vessels who trade between Eastern Canadian ports, i.e. ports in The Great Lakes, St. Lawrence River and Atlantic Canada, and ports overseas. Although most of the vessels carrying Canada's deep sea trade are registered outside this country, all of the members of The Federation are Canadian, being either agents or operators of these vessels. The members are located in Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Halifax, St. John and other ports from Thunder Bay to the East Coast.

So far as I am aware, The Shipping Federation of Canada has never made representations to a Parliamentary Committee for or against legislation dealing primarily with the internal administration of the Government. It is likely that the present Bill would have escaped The Federation's attention but for one