

over telecommunications other than CBC. The only policy involved is consequential on that change.

As I understand it, no questions have been raised during debate on second reading that would require extending the debate, so I am prepared to move—

Senator Flynn: Let the Speaker put the question on the motion for second reading.

The Hon. the Speaker: It is moved by Honourable Senator Forsey, seconded by Honourable Senator Heath, that this bill be now read the second time. Is it your pleasure, honourable senators, to adopt the motion?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Motion agreed to and bill read second time.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

On motion of Senator Carter, bill referred to the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications.

NORTHERN CANADA POWER COMMISSION ACT

BILL TO AMEND—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ADOPTED

The Senate proceeded to consideration of the report of the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce on Bill C-13, to amend the Northern Canada Power Commission Act, which was presented yesterday.

Senator Connolly (Ottawa West) moved that the report be adopted.

He said: Honourable senators, perhaps I should add a word of explanation before the question is put.

This bill was referred to the Standing Senate Committee on Banking, Trade and Commerce and was considered yesterday. There was an amendment proposed in committee which concerned subclause (2) of clause 1. Originally it was proposed that meetings be held on 24 hours' notice to members of the commission. It was felt that perhaps this was inadequate notice, even for emergency purposes, and the proposal, which the committee thought was reasonable, is that there should be one clear day's notice of emergency meetings. This means that if notice is given on a Monday, the clear day, Tuesday, has to expire, and the meeting cannot be held until Wednesday. That seems to be reasonable.

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We questioned whether or not it was sufficient to have one clear day's notice of every meeting of the commission. However, we were assured that under the rule-making powers the commission has there are provisions for notices of regular meetings, and those notices are of a much longer duration. There are commissioners, of course, who live in the area of the Territories and the Yukon but there are others who live in Ottawa, and it is only reasonable to think that there should be more than one clear day's notice for normal meetings.

The amendment would also remove the word "quorum" which was not a very happy word in the bill, and substitute the word "meeting." It seems to me that this amendment is a very simple one. I know "simple" is a dangerous word to use here, but it was not a matter of great consequence. We were told that this carries the judgment of the

member of Parliament for the Yukon, who was concerned about this matter when it came before the committee of the other place.

Motion agreed to and report adopted.

On motion of Senator Connolly (Ottawa West), bill, as amended, placed on the Orders of the Day for third reading at the next sitting.

CRIMINAL CODE (COMMUTATION OF DEATH SENTENCE)

BILL TO AMEND—SECOND READING—ORDER STANDS

On the Order:

Resuming the debate on the motion of the Honourable Senator Robichaud, P.C., seconded by the Honourable Senator Eudes, for the second reading of the Bill S-21, intituled: "An Act to amend the Criminal Code (commutation of death sentence)".—(*Honourable Senator Neiman*).

Senator Neiman: Honourable senators, I would like this order to stand at the request of the sponsor.

Order stands.

FORT-FALLS BRIDGE AUTHORITY ACT

BILL TO AMEND—SECOND READING—DEBATE ADJOURNED

Hon. Gildas L. Molgat moved second reading of Bill C-367, to amend the Fort-Falls Bridge Authority Act.

He said: Honourable senators, in the western part of Ontario, where the town of Fort Frances is located, the boundary between the Province of Ontario and the State of Minnesota is identical to the boundary between Canada and the United States. It happens to be that historic gateway to the West, the Rainy River, which was followed by the early explorers.

At this time there is a problem with the bridge connecting the two towns of Fort Frances, Ontario and International Falls, Minnesota. The bridge is in a difficult location because of the power plants there, and the installations of the pulp and paper companies, Ontario-Minnesota on the Canadian side and Boise Cascade on the American side. I believe that the present bridge in fact belongs to the pulp and paper companies.

There has been an understanding between the Governments of Canada and the United States, together with the companies, to proceed with the reconstruction of this bridge, but it does involve some rather complicated negotiations because one province, one state, two national governments and about three different levels of municipal governments are concerned in them.

It had been agreed between the Canadian Government and the American Government that each would pass complementary legislation—that is, in the Canadian Parliament and in Congress of the United States—and that they would work together in establishing an authority to proceed with the widening of the bridge. It happens that this is one of the entry points to the tourist area of northwest Ontario, the Lake of the Woods region. During summer periods, this being a two-lane bridge with customs establishments at both ends, there are serious problems and