

*Appointments to Crown Corporations*

As I understand it, the worst cross we had to bear was that a member of the executive attempted to meddle too much in internal matters of the CBC. I could give you a beautiful example. There was an occasion on which we had a most difficult situation. This matter was actually resolved by the board of directors at a moment when word was received that a member of the executive had acted over-zealously. It was necessary for us to react and forget our resolution of the problem in order to keep the corporation from being tampered with by government.

I have absolutely strong feelings about the executive meddling in the affairs of a Crown corporation. If the executive wished to change something in respect of a Crown corporation, the executive would have to bring the matter before Parliament and have Parliament make the change. If we were to allow the executive to meddle in the affairs of a Crown corporation, we would be treading on very dangerous ground which could become sinister ground if allowed to continue unchecked. This is the reason I cannot accept the motion, although I would welcome another motion by the hon. member if it were differently worded, because I believe the underlying idea has great merit.

**Mr. Stewart (Cochrane):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to raise a point of order. As I understand it, if a Notice of Motion is not talked out before six o'clock it can be voted on and passed; and if it is talked out, it dies. However, in the case of a bill, if the bill is not talked out it is referred to a committee. There is no provision for this matter to go to a committee. I have the feeling from the discussion which has taken place that members would like to have the matter discussed further in committee. Therefore I am prepared to move a motion to that effect, if it is in order.

**Mr. Deachman:** Mr. Speaker, perhaps I might say a word or two in this regard. This would be a motion to change the procedures of the House of Commons in respect of the method of handling motions before the House. Without a vote in the House I do not think we could change the procedures of the House of Commons. I believe there are other members here who wish to comment on the very interesting subject which the hon. member has raised.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. The hour appointed for the consideration of private [Mr. Osler.]

members' business having expired, I do now leave the chair until 8 p.m.

At six o'clock the House took recess.

**AFTER RECESS**

The House resumed at 8 p.m.

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS****INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES ACT****AMENDMENTS RESPECTING ASSOCIATED CORPORATIONS, RECOVERY OF GRANTS, CONTENTS OF AGREEMENTS, ETC.**

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Pepin that Bill C-193, to amend the Industrial Research and Development Incentives Act, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs.

**Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a few comments on the bill before us this evening. It might afford a reasonable amount of pleasure to hon. members to know that I have a cold and that therefore my comments will be briefer than they otherwise would have been. I hope, however, that their substance will not have altered and that there might even be some improvement in it.

The minister has already referred to the undoubted benefits to any modern economy of a country having a sophisticated, imaginative and vigorously financed research and development program. I shall not add to these generally true observations except to say they are true. There can be no doubt that in any industrial country in the world research and development not only plays a leading role in establishing current levels of employment and economic well-being but is of crucial importance to future levels of economic development and well-being. That principle does not need further comment.

I would now like to pass on to three or four specific areas. First of all I would like the minister—I assume he will conclude with a few observations before we vote—to really try to justify the IRDIA program. The judgment of the members of my party is that the IRDIA program represents millions of dollars down the drain. In terms of government