

*Bridges*

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** I thank my hon. friend for his overwhelming flattery. I never thought I would live to see the day, or I should say the night, when I would hear that. It is very agreeable indeed.

Perhaps we are getting ahead of ourselves when we talk about clause 3, but the fact is that the Niagara bridge commission exists under legislation of congress and it is a rather extraordinary thing that the provision that is made for appointment to the membership of that commission of certain representatives of Ontario exists not by virtue of legislation passed in Canada but by legislation passed at Washington. I am informed that following the enactment of the present bill further legislation will be required to be enacted by congress and also by this parliament next year dealing with such questions as the one asked by the hon. member for Kenora-Rainy River. But the purposes of the bill are quite simple and, as hon. members realize, the bridge will connect the New York thruway and the Queen Elizabeth way.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 8 inclusive agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

**BRIDGES**AUTHORIZATION OF CONSTRUCTION ACROSS  
PIGEON RIVER

**Hon. Donald M. Fleming (for the Secretary of State for External Affairs)** moved the second reading of Bill S-31, to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Pigeon river between the province of Ontario and the state of Minnesota.

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

On clause 1—*Short title.*

**Mr. Badanai:** The Pigeon river is the boundary line between the United States and the province of Ontario. Has an interdepartmental committee gone thoroughly into the question of the size of the bridge to be built and has the location been selected?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Mr. Chairman, as the hon. member realizes, the purpose of this bill is to provide for broader purposes than the previous bill. This one is intended to provide for the construction, operation and maintenance of a bridge over the Pigeon river to connect highways in the province of Ontario and the state of Minnesota. The bill is introduced at the request of the province

[Mr. Martin (Essex East).]

of Ontario and it authorizes the province to enter into an agreement with the state of Minnesota for this purpose. It is our information that appropriate legislation already exists in the United States.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses 2 to 6 inclusive agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill reported, read the third time and passed.

**NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD**PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION,  
APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS, ETC.—CON-  
CURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

**Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Trade and Commerce)** moved the second reading of and concurrence in amendments made by the Senate to Bill C-49, to provide for the establishment of a national energy board.

**Mr. G. J. McIlraith (Ottawa West):** Mr. Speaker, I want to take advantage of the opportunity to ask the minister a question at this point. He will recall that I was critical of the government. I argued that they were responsible for some delay with respect to this matter and I concluded by expressing the hope that the board would be appointed very quickly after the bill passed. I have two questions I should like to ask him now. First, is it the intention to proceed with the appointment of the board as soon as authority is finally granted by parliament? Second, can he give the house any further information as to when we may expect the second report from the Borden commission?

**Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Trade and Commerce):** In answer to the first question, the intention is to proceed as rapidly as possible with the appointment of the energy board. With regard to the second question, it is expected that the second report will be presented soon. I cannot give the exact date.

Motion agreed to, amendments read the second time and concurred in.

**FISHERIES**NEWFOUNDLAND—REPEAL OF CERTAIN LAWS  
RESPECTING EXPORTATION OF SALT FISH

**Hon. Gordon Churchill (Minister of Trade and Commerce)** moved the second reading of Bill S-32, to repeal certain fisheries laws in force in the province of Newfoundland respecting the exportation of salt fish.

He said: Mr. Speaker, may I say just a word in explanation. The explanatory note in the bill is sufficient, I think, but in order that there shall be no doubt about it may I say that a year ago I gave 12 months notice