

Committee Reports

I want to refer to my regret that certain other matters have not been included in this legislation and very much hope they will be included soon in the Government's next legislation. Performers' performances is one aspect of copyright that was not included in Bill C-60.

We did not see any easy remedy for the question of home copying. The committee recommended that there be some kind of royalty payment attached on cassettes, blank tapes and machines for copying that would go to collective societies. My recommendation was slightly different from the majority report. It should be in the form of a tax to ensure that the money does not go out of the country but gets plowed back to our own creative people. Nonetheless, the principle is that creators ought to be paid. Home copying is a way of escaping paying royalties. If a person purchased that same object, he or she would be paying royalties, but if a person copies it from the air, the individual avoids paying royalties to creators. I am sorry we have not seen action on this very important question.

We recommended changes about how photographs get treated for copyright. That is not in the Bill. Some of the contentious issues were excluded. I can understand the Government is still divided on that issue, particularly with regard to broadcasting and retransmission rights.

I call on the Government to move quickly on these very important matters that have not yet been included. Artists are concerned with the possibility of new taxes. They are concerned with cut-backs in the arts, and so it is important they get adequate protection in copyright.

I welcome this legislation. I am keen to see it get to committee. I do not think it will take long in committee. Our artists deserve this piece of legislation. I will certainly co-operate and my Party will co-operate in seeing that the Bill gets swift passage at this stage and gets back to the House for third reading as soon as we can possibly manage it.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

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

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the second time and referred to a legislative committee.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

STRIKING COMMITTEE

PRESENTATION OF TWENTY-FIFTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, following my request earlier this day, I have the honour to present the twenty-fifth report of the Striking Committee.

If the House gives it consent, I intend to move concurrence in this report later this day.

[Editor's Note: See today's Vote and Proceedings.]

CONCURRENCE IN TWENTY-FIFTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I should like at this time to move concurrence in the twenty-fifth report of the Striking Committee presented earlier this day.

Motion agreed to.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

SHIPPING CONFERENCES EXEMPTION ACT, 1986

MEASURE TO ENACT

Hon. George Hees (for Minister of Transport) moved by unanimous consent, that Bill C-21, an Act to exempt certain shipping conference practices from the provisions of the Competition Act, to repeal the Shipping Conferences Exemption Act, 1979 and to amend other Acts in consequence thereof, as reported (with amendments) from a legislative committee, be concurred in.

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

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Motion agreed to.

Mr. Hees moved that the Bill be read the third time and passed.

Mr. Blaine A. Thacker (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, it is an honour and a privilege to rise to speak on third reading of Bill C-21, an Act to exempt certain shipping conference practices from the provisions of the Competition Act. I can assure Members of the House that this Bill has had a thorough going over by the legislative committee.

Bill C-21 was referred to the legislative committee and we started hearings in April. We heard some 16 witnesses, we had 36 submissions and there were 16 motions for amendment