

Q. But you do know about the case being appealed to the Federal Power Commission?—A. I do not know what the status of it is.

Q. I think this committee should have that?—A. I am sorry I have not got the information.

Q. If they are going to prohibit the importation of gas and oil you are going to have some trouble in running your pipe line out of there?

Mr. DECORE: I submit that we should proceed with the evidence of Mr. Dixon and that Mr. Connolly can be called later.

Mr. MURRAY: I would so move.

Mr. PEARKES: On page 2 of the brief submitted this morning the witness says that: "The proposed company will be closely associated with Alberta Natural Gas Grid Limited, an Alberta company, incorporated for the purpose of operating a natural gas gathering and wholesaling grid system in that province."

I wonder if the witness can inform me as to where that gas will be gathered? Will there be a central gathering point at the extremities of one of those red lines or will the gas seep into those red lines—which I presume indicate the route of the system?

The WITNESS: General Pearkes, would you defer that question to Mr. Dixon because it is one that he can answer.

The CHAIRMAN: Just a moment, gentlemen, we have a motion by Mr. Murray that Mr. Dixon be now heard.

Mr. GREEN: Well just a moment—

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Green—

Mr. GREEN: Are you ruling out discussion on the motion?

The CHAIRMAN: There is a motion before the committee.

Mr. GREEN: I am entitled to debate it.

The CHAIRMAN: I am accepting Mr. Murray's motion and if you want to debate it that is quite all right.

Mr. GREEN: I suggest that is a very high handed procedure and in effect amounts to—

Mr. MURRAY: Mr. Connolly is a barrister and solicitor representing this company—what does he know about its technical business?

The CHAIRMAN: Order, gentlemen. Mr. Green, go ahead please.

Mr. GREEN: Mr. Connolly has come here and given us a statement and we are entitled to question him on that statement. That was done in the Senate in just exactly the same way last year. There are different questions on which Mr. Connolly alone is informed.

Mr. MURRAY: He is, of course, a lawyer.

Mr. GREEN: We have a right to ask him those questions.

Mr. DECORE: Mr. Connolly can be recalled if necessary.

Mr. GREEN: It is not a matter of recalling him. We have the right to question him when he is on the stand.

Now, Mr. Chairman, you are not surely going to accept the motion which in effect shuts off any further examination of Mr. Connolly. This is the time to examine him and to finish with his story. There is not a great deal more to it and I suggest this is entirely contrary to the procedure of committees in the House of Commons if a closure motion of this kind is to be put.

If that is to be done we all recognize what it is and we can act accordingly. I would like to tell the members of this committee that this project is of more vital concern to the province of British Columbia than any project that has ever been mentioned for that province.