

anyone wishes to encourage witch-hunts of any kind. But it is a very important clause in the legislation and perhaps I might be forgiven if I dwell on it for a moment.

It may be known that there appeared in the press a week or so ago a telegram to me from The Association of Producers of the CBC from Montreal. I thought the telegram was of sufficient importance that I have had copies of it prepared for members of the Committee in case they did not have it, together with a rather lengthy answer that I gave on this particular point. With the Chairman's permission those could be distributed to all members of the Committee and I would be happy to answer any questions at the conclusion of my remarks.

The Chairman: What is the wish of the Committee? Is it agreed that these be distributed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chairman: These are in English and in French.

Miss LaMarsh: Yes. I might say that the original language of the telegram was in French and the answer was sent out in French.

The Committee worked very hard on the White Paper and the report, as I said, was taken very much to heart by the government in preparing the Bill, so perhaps I might draw some parallels between the report and the Bill as it appears now before the Committee.

Your report contains some 26 main recommendations. There were a number of others, and as the facilities of the Archives and the CBC commercial policy which are not dealt with in this legislation, but there are 26 points relevant to the legislation. Of the 26 we have adopted, I think you might fairly say, 20. Of the six which we did not adopt, five are just matters of detail such as the names of the two top CBC executives. This Committee had recommended that they should be entitled "Chairman" and "General Manager" and the Bill uses "President" and "Executive Vice-President".

• (9:50 a.m.)

Another point was the recommendation that there be established vice-presidents in charge of programming and production for the English network and for the French net-

work. In drafting the legislation the government felt that this was a matter of internal organization which should be left to an incoming Board of Directors.

Another point recommended by the Committee was a formal division of the Board of the CBC into English and French elements and the Bill now before the Committee leaves the Board free to set up subcommittees of this kind or any other as it sees fit.

This Committee recommended that there should be six part-time members of the Canadian Radio Commission and the Bill before you provides for ten part-time members.

Your report recommended that there be voting rights for part-time members of what is called in this Bill the Canadian Radio Commission. I think the implication is there that the part-time members should have full voting rights. The Bill before you provides that they have a full vote on policy regulations but not on licensing decisions.

I think I explained the reasons for taking these decisions in my speech introducing Second Reading. Of course, I would be happy to answer any questions on this point if the Committee so desires. However, I would like to limit myself at this point to the question of possible conflict between the Canadian Radio Commission and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation because this is the only constructive matter on which your Committee report and the Bill differ. I refer to the question of arbitration of disputes between the regulatory board and the public operating corporation. In the Bill there are only two major sources of any such conflict and you will find those at section 17, which deals with conditions of licences, and section 24, which deals with alleged violation of conditions of licences.

Section 17, subsections (3) and (4), provides that if the CRC and the CBC cannot agree on the conditions of licence for the CBC the Corporation may refer the objectionable conditions to the Minister. The Minister then has a statutory duty to consult with both parties and, following that, may give a written direction to the CBC which, under the terms of the Bill, would have to be published in the *Canada Gazette* and tabled in Parliament.

Now that procedure might be said to run counter to the Committee's report which implied at least that the CRC should have full and complete authority over all elements