

Mr. IRVINE: I want to know if you entertain my motion?

The CHAIRMAN: I will leave it to the committee, but I am quite willing, because I want everybody satisfied.

Mr. STUART: Let's vote on it.

The CHAIRMAN: Is that agreeable to the committee. I think it is fair to the committee if we do it that way. Is it your intention, Mr. Irvine, to delete the entire clause 3, or just subsection 1?

Mr. IRVINE: On subsection 2—

Mr. HATFIELD: Take a vote on it.

The CHAIRMAN: On the entire clause and have it deleted. What is your motion?

Mr. HATFIELD: He moves that it be deleted.

The CHAIRMAN: Put your motion.

Mr. IRVINE: My motion, Mr. Chairman, was that clause 3, be deleted from the bill, and clause 4, then becomes clause 3. Do you want me to make a speech on it? I dealt with this in the House, and I think—

Mr. McCULLOCH: Oh, once is enough.

Mr. IRVIN: —I think I should state that I am opposing clause 3, because I opposed the principle of splitting stock; and I imagine that most of the members of this committee are very familiar with the practices which are often resorted to when this kind is allowed, and the public invariably has to pay the bill. Now, I am not reflecting on this company nor its officers nor its intentions, but I think they can very well carry on their business and do it well without having this section in here at all.

Mr. McCULLOCH: Take a vote on it.

Mr. IRVINE: Yes.

Mr. MICHAUD: Before we vote on it could we have the opinion of the officials as to why they are seeking this clause?

The CHAIRMAN: I might say before we call any witnesses that my understanding is that the Senate dealt with this thing and suggested this change.

Mr. HATFIELD: Yes, it came in through the back door.

Mr. McCULLOCH: Call a vote.

The CHAIRMAN: The motion briefly is this, Mr. Irvine moves that clause 3, be deleted. Those in favour of the motion? Those opposed?

I declare the motion lost.

Mr. HATFIELD: They are all stockholders.

The CHAIRMAN: Does clause 3 carry now?

Carried.

Section 4—transmission?

Carried.

Mr. KNIGHT: Mr. Chairman, we are now on clause 5, and it was on clause 5, that I wanted to ask a question.

The CHAIRMAN: On clause 5; and Mr. Knight would like to ask a question on clause 5.

Mr. CHURCH: That is the clause on which I also wanted to ask a question?

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Knight has the floor, I am sorry.

Mr. KNIGHT: I understand the company has always had the power to operate and furnish wireless telephone and radio-telephone systems and to provide services and facilities for the transmission of intelligence, sound, television, pictures, writing or signals. It will be perfectly obvious to the committee that a good many of these things are now in existence. In the early