

EXPLANATORY NOTE.

The purpose of this bill is to make a change in section 133 of the *Income Tax Act*, which as it now stands can have the effect of preventing a Minister of the Crown from giving to the Senate or the House of Commons such information as it might be perfectly legitimate to ask for and obtain. No change is made with respect to information obtained from personal income tax returns. Such information must still be kept secret. On the other hand, the words added to section 133 by this bill would make it possible for a Minister to make public any information respecting corporations obtained under the provisions of the *Income Tax Act*.