

# House Approves Energy Board Bill

OTTAWA (CP)—With only the CCF dissenting, the Commons Thursday gave second reading—approval in principle—to the government's bill to establish a national energy board.

In closing debate on that stage, Trade Minister Churchill denied Opposition charges that the government is seeking in the bill unnecessary and arbitrary cabinet power over oil exports and imports.

"There is nothing in the nature of any seizure of arbitrary powers," he said. "Everything is disclosed in the bill. . . . Every aspect of it can be examined."

"We have no intention now—and never have had—of wanting to do anything without the authority and consent of Parliament."

Mr. Churchill was referring to Opposition criticism of a section in the bill that would empower the cabinet to control oil exports and imports or to put such oil movements under the new board's jurisdiction. This would be possible, if the bill is approved in its present form, by cabinet proclamation.

**WOULD ALLOW DEBATE**  
He promised that if it seems advisable in future to proclaim

that section "the document which does that will be immediately tabled in the House of Commons and debate permitted with regard to that action."

The Liberals supported the Progressive Conservatives in voting down 183 to 7 a CCF amendment to postpone consideration of the bill for six months, thereby killing it this session. Wednesday, a

regulate development of energy resources in Canada in the national interest and that it should include all forms of energy, not just oil, natural gas and electric power for export.

To underline this latter point, Arnold Peters—(CCF—Tim'saming)—moved after second reading was given that the board's name be changed to national gas and oil regulatory board, instead of national energy board.

This move was voted down 183 to 6, the Liberals again siding with the Conservatives.

Mr. Churchill said the CCF on one hand advocate public ownership of pipelines. On the other hand they had suggested that the energy board should have complete powers without any responsibility to Parliament.

That was "a misunderstanding surely of the function of Parli-

ment and how the executive is responsible to Parliament."

#### RESPONSIBLE BODY

The government was setting up a body "which is responsible to the government, which in turn is responsible to Parliament."

Hazen Argue, CCF House leader, interjected: "It is just a pawn of the cabinet."

Mr. Churchill said "that is not true."



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