

House to sit for the entire day of the 10th. Then you will get it. The same thing applies to the 17th.

The CHAIRMAN: Well, the way the matter stands now, if there is a resolution with 48 hours' notice it becomes debatable and the House is master of its own rules, and it will decide what we should do.

Mr. WINCH: But, suppose we do not happen to have a meeting on the 9th. It requires a motion of this Committee to ask for permission to sit in the afternoons. If we can get permission, after notice of motion, then I would presume, Mr. Chairman, that the authority will be in the hands of your steering committee to ask for a sitting, because of the circumstances. That is the reason we have a steering committee.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I think we have had a pretty good discussion on it, and we will proceed.

Mr. THOMAS (*Middlesex West*): Mr. Chairman, will the clerk read the proposed resolution.

The CHAIRMAN: The Clerk will read the resolution.

The CLERK OF THE COMMITTEE: Moved by Mr. Winch that a notice of motion to sit while the House is sitting, be presented to the House.

Mr. THOMAS (*Middlesex West*): I feel that that is complicating the matter. We should simply ask for permission to sit while the House is sitting, and leave it simple, and leave it general. We have no right to assume what the House is going to do about it. The House can refuse us this permission or it can grant us this permission. I say, leave it to the House, and put the motion in simpler terms, no suggestion of a notice of motion, or anything else.

Mr. WINCH: I am sorry, but—

Mr. THOMAS (*Middlesex West*): The House can grant the committee permission to meet at any time, but we have the right to if we so desire it.

The CHAIRMAN: Now, wait, before we get confused here. Let us do this step by step. Mr. Winch moved, Mr. Tucker seconded the first motion, I believe, that the Committee ask for permission to reduce its quorum to ten. Secondly, moved by Mr. Winch and seconded by Mr. McLean, that the Committee, by means of a written resolution on the Order Paper ask—

Mr. WINCH: This is a separate report made by yourself. You are not asking for a decision on that.

The CHAIRMAN: This is where there is confusion. If I rise in the House and do it orally, then it requires unanimous consent of the House.

Mr. WINCH: For adoption that day. But if you make a separate report saying, "I am not asking for a vote today," then 48 hours after, you then get up and move acceptance of the House.

The CHAIRMAN: I am following you. Do it orally first, in the hope that we get unanimous consent of the House.