

At the last meeting Mr. Howard put a motion in respect of increasing the number of *Hansards* to members. I think this is outside our terms of reference at the moment; however, I do think some way could be found to have this problem solved. It may be we can speak to this on the Speaker's estimates or go to see him. Then, if our problem is not solved at that time it may be that we can find some way to have it referred to this committee. We could do this after we have solved the problem at hand. Mr. Howard, does that solve your problem?

Mr. HOWARD: Yes.

Mr. COWAN: Did you say "solve" or "shelve"?

Mr. HOWARD: Both.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have with us today Mr. Ervin, who is the author of this report that we are considering.

We also have with us Mr. Buskard. Mr. Buskard was with us last time.

We also have Mr. Frenette, who is the editor of the French section of debates.

Mr. Ervin, would you please come to the front table and sit with us. I think some of the members would like to discuss with you the report that you have presented.

Mr. HOWARD: Mr. Chairman, before we proceed on this, could I ask Mr. Buskard perhaps through you, Mr. Chairman, to obtain some statistical information in respect of the minimum-maximum salaries or the salary range and, perhaps, all people who have been employed in the *Hansard* reporting branch, the committee reporting branch, and the Senate *Hansard* and committee reporting branch, if they have two there. Would you present those figures for the last five or six years or for some other reasonable period. It may be that you do not have these figures at your fingertips at the present time but I would ask that you obtain them. Do you think that is too awkward to do?

Mr. W. W. BUSKARD (*Editor, House of Commons Debates*): Mr. Howard, do you wish the salary ranges for the past number of years and the number of staff?

Mr. HOWARD: Yes.

Mr. BUSKARD: I think I can give that fairly accurately now but, perhaps, not precisely.

Mr. HOWARD: Perhaps we could save that information for another day. As you know, there is a caucus meeting this morning and we may conflict with it. Mr. Buskard, it would be appreciated if you could give us this information later.

Mr. BUSKARD: I will get that information for you.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Buskard and Mr. Frenette, would you come up to the table with us?

You will be able to get that information for us?

Mr. BUSKARD: Yes, I will.

The CHAIRMAN: At this time we would like to have a look at this report. I presume all members have read this report and I dare say there are many questions based on it you would like to ask.

I would like to start off the questioning by asking Mr. Ervin if the recommendations you have made in your report were agreed to and the House of Commons were to proceed to implement what you have recommended how long do you think it would take?

Mr. A. M. ERVIN (*Management Analysis Division, Advisory Services Branch, Civil Service Commission*): Mr. Chairman, this is a difficult question because, I presume, it depends on a lot of other people.