

Thereupon, a discussion followed on the motion presented by Mr. Moreau, seconded by Mr. Francis, on December 12, 1963.

That while this Committee recognizes that parliament has jurisdiction over the public facilities granted the members of the Press, we feel that this jurisdiction over the public facilities must be exercised through the Speaker or his delegated representative. Therefore, the case of Mr. Rodgers is referred to Mr. Speaker for decision.

And a debate arising, Mr. Olson, seconded by Miss Jewett, moved in amendment thereto:

That the last sentence of the main motion be deleted and replaced by the following:

The Committee recommends:

That the Committee on Rules and Procedure, at the next session of Parliament consider the expediency of reviewing the relations now existing between the Speaker and the Parliamentary Press Gallery on the one hand and the relations now existing between the House of Commons itself and the Parliamentary Press Gallery on the other hand and, in the meantime, that Mr. Rodgers be entitled to receive press releases subject to the recognized obligations to honour the ethics and confidences pertaining to such releases.

And the question being put on the amendment, it was resolved in the negative. Yeas, 5; Nays, 6.

The Vice-Chairman read again the motion of Mr. Moreau, seconded by Mr. Francis:

That while this committee recognizes that parliament has jurisdiction over the public facilities granted to the members of the press, we feel that this jurisdiction over the public facilities must be exercised through the Speaker or his delegated representative. Therefore the case of Mr. Rodgers is referred to Mr. Speaker for decision.

And the question being proposed on the main motion, it was resolved in the affirmative. Yeas, 6; Nays, 5.

It being 10.59 o'clock a.m., the Committee adjourned until 3.00 o'clock this day.

AFTERNOON SITTING

(36)

The Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections met, *in camera*, at 3.45 o'clock p.m. The Vice-Chairman, Mr. L. Pennell, presided.

Members present: Miss Jewett, and Messrs. Armstrong, Cashin, Doucett, Francis, Gelber, Leboe, Lessard (*Saint-Henri*), Millar, Moreau, O'Keefe, Pennell—(12).

The Vice-Chairman read to the Committee a draft of the Fifth Report to the House in connection with the case of Mr. Rodgers.

And debate arising, on motion of Miss Jewett, seconded by Mr. Lessard,

Resolved,—That the following recommendation be added in the Report:

That the Special Committee on Procedures and Organization, at the next Session of Parliament, consider the expediency of reviewing the relations now existing between the Speaker and the Parliamentary Press Gallery on the one hand and the relations now existing between the House of Commons itself and the Parliamentary Press Gallery on the other hand.