

know when the bill would come forward and whether it would be dealt with by a committee. In particular, international representatives are finding it difficult to come to Ottawa to appear before this Committee before May 30, the week of May 30.

Mr. NICHOLSON: Mr. Chairman, we went out of the usual way to refer this matter to this Committee. We could have gone ahead with this bill in the House a week or ten days ago but this is the business of parliament. We went out of our way to give those interested an opportunity to put forward their views before this Committee. That seemed fair.

Mr. MACKASEY: Mr. Chairman, if we cannot have witnesses before us, there is not much sense in continuing the Committee. This is a very simple bill that must go before Parliament because it is overdue now.

Mr. ORLIKOW: I would like to appeal to both the industry and labour representatives. Surely their testimony which is not long, their evidence and the questioning could be done in one day. Surely they could take a break in their negotiations, for one day, and come to Ottawa. I think I am known as friend of labour. I am speaking only for myself and I certainly would not agree that this Committee should stand till May 30 and not proceed because the representatives of the industry and the union cannot be here.

Mr. NICHOLSON: It was in the House. It could have been gone on with last week.

The CHAIRMAN: May I ask this matter to be referred to the steering committee and that this Committee adjourn until this Thursday at eleven o'clock as we have to give this room to another committee?

Mr. MACKASEY: Mr. Chairman, I recommend that we meet this Thursday at eleven o'clock with or without witnesses from the industry and from labour and we proceed accordingly and let the members satisfy themselves that Bill No. C-2 is in the best interests of the country and make their recommendations accordingly.

The CHAIRMAN: There is a motion that this Committee adjourn until Thursday at eleven o'clock. Is it seconded?

Mr. FAULKNER: I do so move.

Mr. DUQUET: I second the motion.

The CHAIRMAN: Motion agreed to.

Mr. DUQUET: What about the brief? Are we going to have copies of it.

An hon. MEMBER: You have to circulate those well in advance.

The CHAIRMAN: The meeting is adjourned until eleven o'clock Thursday.