

MINUTES OF EVIDENCE

House of Commons,  
Room 368,  
June 26, 1942.

The Special Committee on Defence of Canada Regulations met this day at 11 o'clock a.m. The Chairman, Hon. J.E. Michaud, presided.

THE CHAIRMAN: Order. The secretary will please read the minutes of the last meeting.

Minutes of preceding meeting read and adopted.

THE CHAIRMAN: This morning we have a representative of Technocracy, Mr. Norris. If there is no objection on the part of the committee we will ask Mr. Norris to proceed.

MR. MacINNIS: Before Mr. Norris proceeds I might say that he called in to see me in my office and he said that Technocracy Incorporated never had any definite statement from the government as to why it was banned or declared an illegal organization under section 39C of the Defence of Canada Regulations. He informed me the only statement they have is a very brief one made by the Prime Minister on behalf of the Minister of Justice in the house during the 1940 session. I have not got that before me. He thought it would make his position easier if he could have some knowledge of the exact reasons for declaring the organization he represents an illegal organization.

THE CHAIRMAN: Technocracy is banned under section 39C specifically. Mr. Norris has asked for the privilege of coming before us and stating to this committee why it should not be banned. We have invited him to do that. He now asks that he should be given the reasons why this organization has been banned. Well, the regulations themselves state why all these organizations have been declared illegal. It is because they are thought to be subversive or their activities