

Mr. THOMPSON: The adoption of such a program might perhaps involve some of the money that has already been approved. After all, the external aid has a budget, and the budget is not worked out in detail. What we want to see is the best dollar value possible for the external aid dollar that Canada is giving. I think as far as the value of the dollar is concerned, in many cases this type of investment might produce far more returns than an investment in respect of a project that is directly sponsored by external aid. The motion does not suggest a blanket thing at all, but authority to the department of external aid to use discretionary powers in respect of the use of the money allocated.

Mr. LACHANCE: I am not speaking in opposition to the motives of this motion. Personally I think the motives are very good, but in respect of this particular item is it in order to propose such a motion?

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we are now considering item 50, salaries and expenses in respect of the external aid office. I think we should pass as rapidly as we can from the external office to the external affairs estimates.

Mr. BREWIN: I do not want to delay the committee, and that is why I asked the Chairman at the outset whether this was the right time to propose such a motion or not.

The CHAIRMAN: Perhaps in view of the fact there has been comment on this matter, if anyone else wishes to make some remarks they should be made at this time. Otherwise we will refer this motion to the steering committee.

Mr. CHOQUETTE: I think your suggestion is appropriate, Mr. Chairman

The CHAIRMAN: Did you have another motion, Mr. Brewin?

Mr. BREWIN: My other motion was dealt with at our last meeting.

The CHAIRMAN: May we stand item 50?

Mr. BREWIN: I should like to understand clearly what will take place when the motion is referred to the steering committee. Will the steering committee then have the authority to approve the motion or turn it down?

The CHAIRMAN: The steering committee will consider the committee and report back to the standing committee on external affairs.

Mr. BREWIN: This committee will not be meeting again; is that correct?

The CHAIRMAN: I think we are hoping to meet once again.

Mr. ROXBURGH: That procedure will be satisfactory as long as we do meet again.

Mr. LACHANCE: Mr. Chairman, let us now decide whether we are going to meet again or not.

Mr. CHOQUETTE: Perhaps we could meet next Sunday.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, if we make sufficient progress tonight that it becomes obvious we will not have to meet again we could deal with this motion later this evening.

Mr. LACHANCE: I suggest we defer our consideration of this matter until the end of our meeting.

Mr. CHOQUETTE: Let us attempt to go through the estimates.

On item 80:

Multilateral economic aid programs—

80. Contribution to the United Nations special fund in an amount of \$2,350,000 U.S., notwithstanding that payment may exceed or fall short of the equivalent in Canadian dollars, estimated as of December, 1962, which is, \$2,527,700.

Mr. BREWIN: Just before we move on, Mr. Chairman, I understand that special fund, which is of very great importance, is only increased to 70 per cent