Mr. Henderson: I have not been advised of anything being done by the Treasury. I hope that the secretary of the Treasury Board will be able to submit something to you on Thursday about this.

The Chairman: That is really what I had in mind when I said progress was being made, in that they are coming here Thursday, but up to this point we have not heard.

Mr. Crouse: We will discuss No. 6 then on Thursday? We are just deferring this discussion then until Thursday?

The Chairman: That is right, Mr. Crouse.

Mr. Crouse: Thank you.

The Chairman: On paragraph 7. Governor General's special warrants. This is a very big and a very important subject.

Mr. Henderson: It was, I suppose, two or three elections ago that the Committee put down this request, because it was concerned over the procedure and requested that a study be made. I suppose we know there is no action yet, so I have categorized it as that. That is Section 28 of the Financial Administration Act.

Mr. Lefebvre: This is the way the government spends funds between parliaments.

Mr. Henderson: When Parliament is dissolved, Mr. Lefebvre.

The Chairman: Mr. Allmand.

Mr. Allmand: I was just wondering what the end of the study was to be? Why did we recommend that a study be made? Because we felt that the warrants were being abused? There is not very much information there.

Mr. Henderson: If you will refer to this subject in my 1965-1966 and 1967 reports, you will find very detailed explanations as to how they were carried out.

Mr. Allmand: How the warrants...

Mr. Henderson: How the money was spent when Parliament was dissolved during those particular years.

Mr. Allmand: Yes.

Mr. Henderson: And you will see the circumstances which led this Committee up to suggesting that the whole area be studied.

Mr. Allmand: That is in paragraph 48 of your 1966 report?

Mr. Henderson: Yes, that would be right.

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The Chairman: Would the Committee like to give consideration to setting up a subcommittee, say of three members, that would study the Governor General's special warrants during the last period when Parliament was not in session and bring back a report to this Committee? It would be a very interesting subject and research. If three members would like to do it, this Committee would be interested to know how the warrants were used while Parliament was not sitting; what the money was spent for; whether it was spent in line with the warrants; and so on. I think it would be most interesting.

Mr. Allmand: I too think it would, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Nowlan: It is not just for dissolution, Mr. Chairman. Does not prorogation or adjournment give rise to Governor General's warrants?

Mr. Henderson: Well you always...

Mr. Nowlan: Is this not a little vague?

Mr. Henderson: ... vote supply before you adjourn. This generally exists when Parliament is dissolved.

Mr. Bigg: But if they ran out...

Mr. Henderson: Yes, if they ran out, then...

Mr. Bigg: ...this is a way of doing it.

Mr. Nowlan: This is one of the vague things about it, is it not?

Mr. Lefebvre: Actually the Governor General does not have anything personally to do with the spending of this money, but it gives the impression that the Governor General is spending millions of dollars. I do not know, but I cannot see this term at all. It is too bad they could not change it.

The Chairman: Mr. Allmand?

Mr. Allmand: I think your suggestion is a good one, Mr. Chairman. I would move that we set up a subcommittee. You are in a better position to know just how many people would be required, but I would suggest that this subcommittee be set up.

The Chairman: I would think if we had one person from each of the parties on this Committee. If you would leave it to me to name four, I would do it. I would like Mr. Allmand, Mr. Crouse, Mr. Burton and Mr. Rodrigue. The four parties will be represented and they could make a complete study of Governor General's warrants for the last session. I do