

many committees are sitting and therefore there is a shortage of space available at times and also a shortage of stenographic help. Possibly we would find the situation much easier in the afternoons when the house is sitting, but I am sure there would be objection on that account. This to me appeared to be a solution, having in mind that at the last session we went right through our lunch hours in the house and members were able to secure their lunch on a staggered basis. I do not see why it would not be possible for us to have these hours which are available, and get our meals after the committee has met. Further on in this session we will wind up with the house sitting right through all lunch hours, as in the past, and when that happens we will have completely dislodged the prime argument which has been brought up today. It would mean we would have to find an appropriate time to obtain lunch.

Many committees are sitting. Mr. Martin mentioned that it may be difficult to obtain space and the help necessary to operate the committee. For that reason the steering committee felt this would be an opportunity to make sure we would have a quorum present and be able to give the members who are not members of this committee an opportunity to attend the meetings as well.

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary South*): I have been late for this meeting because I have been attempting to get my lunch. It seems to me that, because of the importance of this committee, members would not decide to sit in the afternoon when the house is sitting and I would hope that every time such a motion comes up it would be defeated.

Mr. VIVIAN: Could there be a motion which would have the effect of settling the hours, if the suggestion of the steering committee is not agreed on.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): We never have had any difficulty in this committee with the present chairman. Last year and the year before we sat when the house sat at selected times when there were no debates in the house which precluded our attendance here. I do not know what is on in the house tomorrow. We might select 2 o'clock as the hour for a meeting. I am sure members would do their best to be here. Also I am sure there has been no difficulty at all in the past and there will not be any difficulty in the future.

Mr. MANDZIUK: I would go along with the suggestion of Dr. Vivian. If we defeat this motion we will throw the ball back to the steering committee.

Mr. MONTGOMERY: Mr. Chairman, I have been sitting here listening. If I had been on the steering committee I would have said I am against a 1 o'clock meeting. Secondly, I am against meeting three times a week. There are other committees. I do not think any one committee can get a quorum three days a week. I think 1 o'clock is a very bad time to get a quorum. Everyone is here today because they are wondering why we were called at 1 o'clock. I am inclined to think the hours should be different even if we must sit while the house is sitting. I am not going to come to this committee without a lunch.

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary South*): I would move an amendment to the motion, that we sit at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The CHAIRMAN: I will put the amendment first.

Mr. MANDZIUK: What is the amendment?

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary South*): That we meet at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The CHAIRMAN: There have been some interruptions, and I am going to make another observation. I am not unaware of the fact that every year in the House of Commons the opposition has got up, and on one occasion brought