

The Chairman: The remarks we made this morning were in relation to clause 2 and not clauses 10 and 11.

Senator Flynn: I would like to know why you accept the principle of referring to the standing committee of the House of Commons the intention to enlarge an existing park, and you do not provide for the same procedure with regard to the creation of new parks. Why this difference? It seems to me that this is not logical.

Senator Cook: But they are already created.

Senator Flynn: But the creation is something much more important than the enlargement of an existing park.

Mr. Nicol: Under clause 10 the boundaries are defined, but the lands are not fully transferred. In clause 11 the full legal description is included in the appendix.

Senator Flynn: Yes, in clause 5, but not in clause 10.

Mr. Nicol: Not in clause 10. The boundaries have been made completely public, but all of the lands have not been transferred as yet.

Senator Molson: There have to be public hearings on that still.

Mr. Nicol: There have to be public hearings on the land called for in clause 10(3).

Senator Smith: I would like to ask Mr. Nicol what the present legal status of Kejimkujik Park is. I was looking for the reference.

Mr. Nicol: Clause 7(2) covers Kejimkujik.

Senator Smith: At what time was legislative authority given for Kejimkujik?

Mr. Nicol: This bill provides for it and also for the legal description.

Senator Smith: Where do I find the approval for Kejimkujik?

Mr. Nicol: This bill approves it.

Senator Smith: Is it because we approve the schedule?

Mr. Nicol: Approval of clause 7(2) and the schedule will effect the establishment of Kejimkujik National Park on a formal basis when the bill is passed.

The Chairman: If there are no further questions, does the committee approve of the course we have discussed?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

The Chairman: Mr. Nicol, if you are not too clear, even when you get the transcript, all you have to do is get in touch with me or the clerk of the committee or our law clerk and we will provide anything further by way of explanation as to what our position is.

Mr. Nicol: I understand the committee's concern is with clause 2.

The Chairman: That is right.

Senator Flynn: And the difference in procedure.

Mr. Nicol: And the committee is concerned that significant additions to national parks should be in the form of legislation.

The Chairman: That is right.

Mr. Nicol: Rather than the process set out in the present bill. Am I correct?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

Senator Cook: It should be approved by Parliament as a whole.

The Chairman: Then we will adjourn this morning until Wednesday morning next at 9.30.

Mr. Nicol: I take it that there are no questions on the other clauses?

The Chairman: No.

The hearing is adjourned.